

ANNEXURE D

EKURHULENI BUDGET



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2020-2021

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Annexure D01

CR CONTROL AND DEBT COLLECTION BY-LAW

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CITY OF EKURHULENI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

CREDIT CONTROL AND DEBT COLLECTION BY-LAW

By-law

To give effect to the implementation of the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality's Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy, and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

Preamble

WHEREAS section 156(2) of the Constitution specifies that a municipality may make and administer by-laws for the effective administration of the matters it has the right to administer;

WHEREAS the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality has adopted a Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy on 30 November 2006;

AND WHEREAS section 98 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), requires a municipal council to adopt bylaws to give effect to the municipality's credit control and debt collection policy;

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Council of the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, as follows:-

1. Definitions

In this By-Law any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, shall bear the same meaning in these bylaws, and unless the context indicates otherwise

“**Act**” means the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), as amended from time to time;

“**Council**” means the Council of the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality;

“**Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy**” means a Policy adopted by the Municipality for the purposes of credit control and debt collection of all monies due and payable to the municipality; and

“**rate**” or “**rates**” means a rate on property and or services as approved by council.

2. Credit control and debt collection policy adopted by the municipality

This City has adopted a Credit control and debt collection policy (referred to as “the policy” herein), which policy comprehensively and in detail, deals with and regulates the matters as prescribed in Chapter 9 of the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000, therefore it is not necessary for this By-law to restate and repeat same. Therefore, and without repeating the contents of the policy, the contents of the policy are hereby incorporated into this by-law by reference and *mutatis mutandis* assigned the status of a By-law in as far as it is required for its implementation, enforcement and to be given effect to, as referred to in terms of the provisions of sections 12 and 13 of the Systems Act.

3. Objective of the By-law

The objective of this bylaw is to —

- i. ensure that all monies due and payable to the Council are collected;
- ii. provide for customer management, credit control procedures and mechanisms and debt collection procedures and mechanisms;
- iii. provide for indigents in a way that is consistent with rates and tariff policies and any national policy on indigents;
- iv. provide for extension of time for payment of accounts;
- v. provide for charging of interest on arrears, where appropriate;
- vi. provide for termination of services or the restriction of the provision of services when payments are in the arrears;
- vii. provide for matters relating to unauthorized consumption of services, theft and damages.

4. Application of BY LAW

This bylaw shall only apply to money due and payable to the Council and municipal entity in respect of which the municipality is the parent municipality for –

- a. Assessment rates and taxes levied on the property
- b. Fees, surcharges on fees, charges and tariffs in respect of municipal services, such as –
 - i. provision of water;
 - ii. refuse removal;
 - iii. sewerage;
 - iv. removal and purification of sewerage;
 - v. electricity consumption;
 - vi. municipal services provided through prepaid meters.
 - vii. all other related costs for services rendered in terms of the property
 - viii. interest which has accrued or will accrue in respect of money due and payable to the Council;
 - ix. collection charges in those cases where the Council is responsible for
 - (aa) the rendering of municipal accounts in respect of any one or more of the municipal services;
 - (bb) the recovery of amounts due and payable in respect thereof, irrespective whether the municipal services, or any of them, are provided by the Council itself or by a service utility with which it has concluded a service provider agreement to provide a service on the municipality's behalf

5. Provision of information

A rate payer, owner, consumer, customer and debtor or person within the municipal area must provide the City with accurate information requested by the City that is reasonably required by the City for the implementation or enforcement of this by-law. No person shall make a false statement or furnish false information to the City or falsify a document issued in terms of this by-law.

6. Offences

- (1) It is an offence for any person to:
- (a) unlawfully and intentionally or negligently interfere with any actions taken by the City in terms of this by-law;
 - (b) contravene or fail to comply with any provision of this by-law in as much as this by-law places an obligation or duty on such a person to comply with this by-law;
 - (c) contravene or fail to comply with a condition or prohibition imposed in terms of this by-law;
 - (d) contravene or fail to comply with any conditions imposed upon the granting of any application, consent, approval, concession, exemption, rebate or authority in terms of this by-law;
 - (e) fail to provide information or provide false or misleading information reasonably requested by the City;
 - (f) fail or refuse to give access required by the City in terms of the provision of this by-law;
 - (g) fail to comply with the terms of a notice served upon him/her in terms of this by-law;

- (h) fail or refuse to provide the City with a document or information that the City is entitled to in terms of this by-law;
 - (i) disclose any information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person which information was acquired in the performance of any function or exercise of any power in terms of this by-law;
 - (j) fail to comply with any lawful instruction given in terms of this by-law; or
 - (k) obstruct or hinder the City in the execution of the City's duties under this By-law.
- (2) Any alleged offence committed in terms of sub-section (1) above, may be enforced in terms of clause 7 below, and may be referred to the South African Police Services by the City for investigation with a view to possible prosecution.

7. Penalty

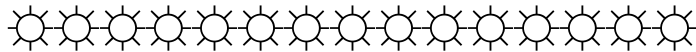
- (1) A person who contravenes or fail to comply with a provision of this by-law, or commit an offence as set out in this by-law shall be liable on conviction to a fine or imprisonment, or in the case of any continued offence to a further fine or imprisonment for every day during the continuance of such offence.
- (2) Fines may be imposed in terms of section 341 of the Criminal Procedure Act, wherein:
- (3) (a) a person receiving a notification, in writing, of an alleged contravention or non-compliance with this By-Law, at a specified place, date and time, or a period specified in the notification, which shall also set out the amount of fine which a court or a municipality trying such a person for the offence allegedly committed may impose, such person may within thirty (30) days (in case of a court), and seven (7) days (in case of a municipality), deliver or transmit the notification, together with the sum of money equal to the said amount in the notification as payment for the fine, to the magistrate of the district or area (in case of court) or to the municipality where the offence is alleged to have been committed;
- (b) such sum of money paid shall be deemed to be a fine imposed in respect of the offence in question; and
- (c) such person shall not be prosecuted for having committed the offence.
- (4) The Municipality may, in collaboration with national government in the spirit of co-operative governance, establish municipal courts whose core functions, among others, will be to prosecute offenders of –
 - (a) traffic regulations;
 - (b) infringements of the Municipality's by-laws, and National Building Regulations and Schemes; and
 - (c) contraventions of the national and provincial legislation that the Municipality is empowered to enforce.
- (5) Section 179 of the Constitution, read with the National Prosecuting Authority Act 32 of 1998, as amended, provide for a single national prosecuting authority in the Republic of South Africa. Section 112 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act provides:
 - (a) a staff member of the Municipality authorised in terms of section 22(8)(b) of the National Prosecuting Authority Act to conduct the prosecutions, may institute criminal proceedings and conduct the prosecutions in respect of a contravention of or failure to comply with a provision of –
 - (i) a By-Law or regulation of the Municipality;
 - (ii) other legislation administered by the Municipality; and
 - (iii) other legislation as the National Director of Public Prosecutions may determine in terms of section 22(8)(b) of the National Prosecuting Authority Act.
- (6) The Municipality may appoint a prosecutor to prosecute infringement of traffic violations and this By-Law.
- (7) The Magistrates Court shall have jurisdiction over all matters relating to contravention of and non-compliance with the provisions of this By-Law.

8. Repeal of By-laws

This By-law revokes all previous By-laws, decisions and/or ad hoc clauses within any other By-law, regarding the subject matter of this By-law.

9. Short title and commencement

This By-law is the Credit control and Debt collection By-law, and takes effect on 1 July 2020.



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ANNEXURE D02

**PROPERTY RATES
BY-LAW**

2020-2021

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CITY OF EKURHULENI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

PROPERTY RATES BY-LAW

By-law

To give effect to the implementation of the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality's Property Rates Policy and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

Preamble

WHEREAS section 229 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa empowers municipalities to levy property rates, subject to national legislation;

AND WHEREAS section 6(1) of the Local Government : Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (No. 6 of 2004) as amended, requires a municipality to adopt By-laws to give effect to the implementation of its Rates Policy;

AND WHEREAS section 2 of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act No. 6 of 2004, as amended, is the national legislation that empowers a municipality to levy a rate on property in its area;

AND WHEREAS section 6(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (No. 6 of 2004) as amended, provides that By-laws adopted in terms of section 6(1) may differentiate between different categories of properties; and different categories of owners of properties liable for the payment of rates.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, as follows:-

Definitions

In this By-law any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (Act 6 of 2004) shall bear the same meaning and unless the context indicates otherwise –

“**Act**” means the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (No.6 of 2004);

“**Council**” means the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality; and

“**rate**” or “**rates**” means a municipal rate on property as envisaged in section 229 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

1. Adoption and implementation of Rates Policy

- i. The Council shall adopt and implement a property rates policy consistent with the Act on the levying of rates on rateable property within the jurisdiction of the municipality; and
- ii. The Council shall not be entitled to levy rates other than in terms of its rates policy.

2. Contents of Property Rates Policy

The Council's property rates policy shall, *inter alia*:

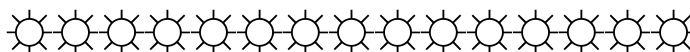
- i. Apply to all property rates levied by the Council pursuant to the adoption of its Annual Budget;
- ii. Comply with the requirements for:
 - (a) the adoption and contents of a Property Rates Policy specified in section 3 of the Act;
 - (b) the process of community participation specified in section 4 of the Act; and
 - (c) the annual review of a Property Rates Policy specified in section 5 of the Act.
- iii. Specify any further principles, criteria and implementation measures consistent with the Act for the levying of property rates which the Council may adopt; and
- iv. Include such further enforcement mechanisms, if any, as the Council may wish to impose.

3. Enforcement of Property Rates Policy

The Council's Property Rates Policy shall be enforced through the Credit Control and Debt Collection By-law and Policy and any further enforcement mechanisms stipulated in the Act and the Council's Property Rates Policy.

4. Short title and commencement

This By-law is the Property Rates By-law, and takes effect on 01 July 2020.



EKURHULENI BUDGET

Annexure D1

MEDIUM TERM BUDGET STATEMENT POLICY

2020-2021

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1. DEFINITIONS

(a) **"Accounting officer"** means a person appointed in terms of section 82(l) (a) or (b) of the Municipal Structures Act;

(a) **"Allocation"**,

means:

(a) municipality's share of the local government's equitable share referred to in section 214(l) (a) of the Constitution;

(b) an allocation of money to a municipality in terms of section 214(1) of the Constitution;

(c) an allocation of money to a municipality in terms of a provincial budget; or

(d) any other allocation of money to a municipality by an organ of state, including by another municipality, otherwise than in compliance with a commercial or other business transaction;

"Annual Division of Revenue Act" means the Act of Parliament, which must be enacted annually in terms of section 214 (1) of the Constitution;

"Approved budget," means an annual budget:

(a) approved by a municipal council, or

(b) includes such an annual budget as revised by an adjustments budget in terms of section 28 of the MFMA;

"Basic Municipal Service" means a municipal service that is necessary to ensure an acceptable and reasonable quality of life and which, if not provided, would endanger public health or safety or the environment;

"Budget-related Policy" means a policy of a municipality affecting or affected by the annual budget of the municipality, including:

(a) the tariffs policy, which the municipality must adopt in terms of section 74 of the Municipal Systems Act;

(b) the rates policy which the municipality must adopt in terms of the Municipal Property Rates Act; or

(c) the credit control and debt collection policy, which the municipality must adopt in terms of section 96 of the Municipal Systems Act;

"Budget transfer" means transfer of funding within a function / vote.

"Budget Year" means the financial year of the municipality for which an annual budget is to be approved in terms of section 16(1) of the MFMA. This is the same as financial year below;

"Chief financial officer" means a person designated in terms of section 80(2) (a) of the MFMA;

"Councilor" means a member of a municipal council;

"Creditor", means a person to whom money is owed by the municipality;

"Current year" means the financial year, which has already commenced, but not yet ended;

"delegation", in relation to a duty, includes an instruction or request to perform or to assist in performing the duty;

"Financial recovery plan" means a plan prepared in terms of section 141 of the MFMA

"financial statements", means statements

consisting of at least:

(a) a statement of financial position;

(b) a statement of financial performance;

(c) a cash flow statement;

(d) any other statements that may be prescribed; and

(e) any notes to these statements;

"Financial year" means a twelve months' period commencing on 1 July and ending on 30 June each year.

"Financing agreement" includes any loan agreement, lease, and instalment purchase contract or hire purchase arrangement under which a municipality undertakes to repay a long-term debt over a period of time;

"Fruitless and wasteful expenditure" means expenditure that was made in vain and would have been avoided had reasonable care been exercised;

"Irregular expenditure", means:

(a) expenditure incurred by a municipality or municipal entity in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of the MFMA, and which has not been condoned in terms of section 170 of the MFMA;

(b) expenditure incurred by a municipality or municipal entity in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of the Municipal Systems Act, and which has not been condoned in terms of that Act;

(c) expenditure incurred by a municipality in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of the Public Office Bearers Act, 1998 (Act No. 20 of 1998); or

(d) expenditure incurred by a municipality or municipal entity in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of the supply chain management policy of the municipality or entity or any of the municipality's by-laws giving effect to such policy, and which has not been condoned in terms of such policy or by-law, but excludes expenditure by a municipality which falls within the definition of "unauthorised expenditure";

"Investment", in relation to funds of a municipality, means

(a) the placing on deposit of funds of a municipality with a financial institution; or

(b) the acquisition of assets with funds of a municipality not immediately required, with the primary aim of preserving those funds;

"Lender", means a person who provides debt finance to a municipality;

"Local community" has the meaning assigned to it in section 1 of the Municipal Systems Act;

"Municipal Structures Act" means the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998);

"Municipal Systems Act" means the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000);

"Long-term debt" means debt repayable over a period exceeding one year;

"Executive mayor" means the councilor elected as the executive mayor of the municipality in terms of section 55 of the Municipal Structures Act;

"Municipal council" or "council" means the council of a municipality referred to in section 18 of the Municipal Structures Act;

"Municipal debt instrument" means any note, bond, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness issued by a municipality, including dematerialised or electronic evidence of indebtedness intended to be used in trade;

"Municipal entity" has the meaning assigned to it in section 1 of the Municipal Systems Act (refer to the MSA for definition);

"Municipality"

(a) when referred to as a corporate body, means a municipality as described in section 2 of the Municipal Systems Act; or

(b) when referred to as a geographic area, means a municipal area determined in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998 (Act No. 27 of 1998); v

"Municipal service" has the meaning assigned to it in section 1 of the Municipal Systems Act (refer to the MSA for definition);

"Municipal tariff" means a tariff for services which a municipality may set for the provision of a service to the local community, and includes a surcharge on such tariff;

"Municipal tax" means property rates or other taxes, levies or duties that a municipality may impose;

"National Treasury" means the National Treasury established by section 5 of the Public Finance Management Act;

"Official", means

(a) an employee of a municipality or municipal entity;

(b) a person seconded to a municipality or municipal entity to work as a member of the staff of the municipality or municipal entity; or

(c) a person contracted by a municipality or municipal entity to work as a member of the staff of the municipality or municipal entity otherwise than as an employee;

"Overspending" □

(a) means causing the operational or capital expenditure incurred by the municipality during a financial year to exceed the total amount appropriated in that year's budget for its operational or capital expenditure, as the case may be;

(b) in relation to a vote, means causing expenditure under the vote to exceed the amount appropriated for that vote; or

(c) in relation to expenditure under section 26 of the MFMA, means causing expenditure under that section to exceed the limits allowed in subsection (5) of this section;

"Past financial year" means the financial year preceding the current year;

"Quarter" means any of the following periods in a financial year:

(a) 1 July to 30 September;

(b) 1 October to 31 December;

(c) 1 January to 31 March; or

(d) 1 April to 30 June;

"Service delivery and budget implementation plan" means a detailed plan approved by the executive mayor of a municipality in terms of section 53(l)(c)(ii) of the MFMA for implementing the municipality's delivery of municipal services and its annual budget, and which must indicate ☼

(a) projections for each month of ☼

(i) revenue to be collected, by source; and

(ii) operational and capital expenditure, by vote;

(b) service delivery targets and performance indicators for each quarter; and

(c) any other matters that may be prescribed, and includes any revisions of such plan by the executive mayor in terms of section 54(l) (c) of the MFMA;

"Short-term debt" means debt repayable over a period not exceeding one year;

"Standards of generally recognised accounting practice," means an accounting practice complying with standards applicable to municipalities or municipal entities as determined by the Accounting Standards Board

"Unauthorised expenditure", means any expenditure incurred by a municipality otherwise than in accordance with section 15 or 11(3) of the MFMA, and includes ☼

(a) overspending of the total amount appropriated in the municipality's approved budget;

(b) overspending of the total amount appropriated for a vote in the approved budget;

(c) expenditure from a vote unrelated to the department or functional area covered by the vote;

(d) expenditure of money appropriated for a specific purpose, otherwise than for that specific purpose;

(e) spending of an allocation referred to in paragraph (b), (c) or (d) of the definition of "allocation" otherwise than in accordance with any conditions of the allocation; or

(f) a grant by the municipality otherwise than in accordance with the MFMA; **"Virement"** means transfer of funds between functions / votes

"Vote" means ☼

(a) one of the main segments into which a budget of a municipality is divided for the appropriation of money for the different departments or functional areas of the municipality; and

(b) which specifies the total amount that is appropriated for the purposes of the department or functional area concerned.

2. APPLICATION AND SCOPE

This Medium Term Budget Policy applies to the City of Ekurhuleni (CoE) and the following municipal entities;

- Brakpan Bus Company (BBC);
- East Rand Water Care Company (ERWAT);
- Ekurhuleni Housing Company (EHC), including Pharoeh Park, Phase Two and Lethabong Housing Institute; and
- Ekurhuleni Development Agency (EDA).

3. OBJECTIVES OF POLICY

The objective of the budget policy is to set out:

- The principles which the municipality will follow in preparing each medium term revenue and expenditure framework budget;
- The responsibilities of Council, the Executive Mayor, the accounting officer, the chief financial officer and other senior managers in compiling the budget
- To establish and maintain procedures to ensure adherence to the IDP review and budget processes.

4. INTRODUCTION

In terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act, No. 56 of 2003, Chapter 4 on Municipal Budgets, Subsection (16), states that the council of a municipality must for each financial year approve an annual budget for the municipality before the commencement of that financial year. According to subsection of the Act concerned, in order to comply with subsection (1), the mayor of the municipality must table the annual budget at a council meeting at least 90 days before the start of the budget year. This policy must be read, analysed, explained, interpreted, implemented and understood against this legislative background. The policy must also be **read in conjunction with** the Budget Implementation and Monitoring Policy.

The budget plays a critical role in an attempt to progressively satisfy diverse community needs. Central to this, the formulation of a municipality budget must take into account the government's macroeconomic and fiscal policy fundamentals. In brief, the conceptualisation and the operationalisation of the budget must be located within the national government's policy framework.

5. BUDGETING PRINCIPLES

- The municipality shall not budget for a deficit and should also ensure that revenue projections in the budget are realistic taking into account actual collection levels;
- Expenses may only be incurred in terms of the approved annual budget (or adjustments budget) and within the limits of the amounts appropriated for each vote in the approved budget;
- The City of Ekurhuleni (CoE) shall prepare three-year budget (medium term revenue and expenditure framework (MTREF)) and that must be reviewed annually and approved by Council; and
- The MTREF budget must at all times be within the framework of the Municipal Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and the Built Environment Performance Plans (BEPPS).

6. BUDGET PREPARATION PROCESS

6.1. FORMULATION OF THE BUDGET

- a) The Accounting Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Financial Officer and the Head responsible for Strategy and Corporate Planning, shall draft the Schedule of key deadlines for the budget and allied processes for the municipality and its municipal entities for the ensuing financial year;
- b) The schedule of key deadlines shall indicate the processes relative to the review of the IDP as well as the preparation of the medium term revenue and expenditure framework budget and the revision of the annual budget. Such target dates shall follow the prescriptions of the Municipal Finance Management Act as well as the guidelines set by National Treasury;
- c) The Executive Mayor shall table the IDP process plan as well as the budget timetable to Council by 31 August each year for approval (10 months before the start of the next budget year);

- d) Strategic workshop shall be convened in September/October with the Municipal Executive and top management in order to determine the IDP priorities which will form the basis for the preparation of the MTREF budget taking into account the financial and political pressures facing the municipality;
- e) The Executive Mayor shall table the draft IDP and MTREF budget to council by 31 March (90 days before the start of the new budget year) together with the draft resolutions and budget related policies (policies on tariff setting, credit control, debt collection, indigents, investment and cash management, borrowings, etc.);
- f) The Chief Financial Officer and senior managers undertake the technical preparation of the budget;
- g) The budget must be in the format prescribed by National Treasury, and must be divided into capital and operating budgets;
- h) The budget must reflect the realistically expected revenues by major source for the budget year concerned; and
- i) The budget must also contain the information related to the two financial years following the financial year to which the budget relates, as well as the audited actual revenues and expenses for the prior year, and the estimated revenues and expenses for the current year.

6.2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Immediately after the draft annual budget has been tabled, the municipality must convene regional and public hearings on the draft budget by end of April and invite the public, stakeholder organisations, to make representations and to submit comments in response to the draft budget.

6.3. APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET

- a) Per legislation, Council shall **consider** the next medium term expenditure framework budget for approval not later than 31 May (at least 30 days before the start of the budget year);
- b) The annual budget must be approved before the start of the financial year;
- c) Should the municipality fail to approve the budget before the start of the budget year, the mayor must inform the MEC for Finance that the budget has not been approved;
- d) The budget tabled at Council for approval shall include, inter alia, the following draft resolutions:
 - I. draft resolutions approving the budget and levying property rates, other taxes and tariffs for the financial year concerned;
 - II. draft resolutions approving measurable performance objectives for each budget vote, taking into account the municipality's IDP;
 - III. draft resolutions approving any proposed amendments to the IDP;
 - IV. draft resolutions approving any proposed amendments to the budget-related policies; and
 - V. draft resolutions approving the contents of the annual budget and supporting documents in terms of Section 17 of the MFMA.

6.4. PUBLICATION OF THE BUDGET

Immediately after the budget is tabled the Accounting Officer (AO) must make public the budget and its supporting documents and invite the local community to submit representations in connection with the budget.

Therefore, the Divisional Head or Senior Manager: Budgets on behalf of the AO must coordinate the publication of the budget and other budget-related documentation onto the municipal website so that it is accessible to the public as well as submit within 10 days both printed and electronic formats to the National Treasury, the Provincial Treasury and any other prescribed Organs of State affected by the Budget.

6.5. SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SDBIP)

- (a) The Mayor must approve the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan not later than 28 days after the approval of the Budget by Council.
- (b) The SDBIP shall include the following components:
 - i. Monthly projections of revenue to be collected for each source;
 - ii. Monthly projections of expenditure (operating and capital) and revenue for each vote;
 - iii. Quarterly projections of service delivery targets and performance indicators for each vote;
 - iv. Ward information for expenditure and service delivery; and
 - v. Detailed capital works plan broken down by ward over three years.

7. CAPITAL BUDGET

- a) Expenditure of a project shall be included in the capital budget if it meets the asset definition i.e. if it results in it having a useful life in excess of one year;
- b) The capital budget shall distinguish between rehabilitated, replacements and new infrastructure;
- c) Vehicle replacement shall be done in terms of Council's vehicle replacement policy. The budget for vehicles shall distinguish between replacement and new vehicles;
- d) A municipality may spend money on a capital project only if the money for the project has been appropriated in the capital budget;
- e) The envisaged sources of funding for the capital budget must be properly considered and the Council must be satisfied that this funding is available and has not been committed for other purposes;
- f) Before approving a capital project, the Council must consider:
 - the projected cost of the project over all the ensuing financial years until the project becomes operational;
 - future operational costs and any revenues, which may arise in respect of such project, including the likely future impact on operating budget (i.e. on property rates and service tariffs);
 - the impact on the present and future operating budgets of the municipality;
 - in relation to finance charges to be incurred on external loans;
 - Impact on depreciation of fixed assets;
 - Impact maintenance of fixed assets; and
 - any other ordinary operational expenses associated with any item on such capital budget.
- g) Council shall approve the annual or adjustment capital budget only if it has been properly balanced and fully funded;
- h) The capital expenditure shall be funded from the following sources:

Internal Funding

- a) If any project is to be financed from internal revenue, this financing must be included in the cash budget to raise sufficient cash for the expenditure and
- b) If the project is to be financed from surplus, there must be sufficient cash available at time of execution of the project.

External loans

- a) External loans can be raised only if it is linked to the financing of an asset;
- b) A capital project to be financed from an external loan can only be included in the budget if the loan has been secured or if can be reasonably assumed as being secured;
- c) The loan redemption period should in the main not exceed the estimated life expectancy of the asset;
- d) Interest payable on external loans shall be included as an expense in the revenue budget; and
- e) Finance charges relating to such loans shall be charged to or apportioned only between the departments or votes to which the projects relate.

Capital Replacement Reserve (CRR)

Council shall establish a CRR for the purpose of financing capital projects and the acquisition of assets. Such reserve shall be established from the following sources of revenue:

- unappropriated cash-backed surpluses to the extent that such surpluses are not required for operational purposes
 - interest on the investments of the CRR, appropriated in terms of the investments policy;
- a. Before any asset can be financed from the CRR the financing must be as cash as this fund must be cash backed;
 - b. If there is insufficient cash available to fund the CRR this reserve fund must then be adjusted to equal the available cash;
 - c. Transfers to the CRR must be budgeted for in the cash budget;

Grant Funding

- a) Non capital expenditure funded from grants must be budgeted for as part of the revenue budget;
- b) Interest earned on investments of Conditional Grant Funding shall be capitalised if the conditions state that interest should accumulate in the fund. If there is no condition stated, the interest can then be allocated directly to the revenue accounts.
- c) If grant funded assets are to be bridge financed cash should be secured before spending can take place.

8. OPERATING BUDGET

- (a) The municipality shall budget in each annual and adjustments budget for the contribution to:
 - i. provision for accrued leave entitlements;
 - ii. entitlement of officials as at 30 June of each financial year;
 - iii. provision for bad debts in accordance with its rates and tariffs policies;
 - iv. provision for the obsolescence and deterioration of stock in accordance with its materials management policy;
 - v. Depreciation and finance charges shall be charged to or apportioned only between the departments or votes to which the projects relate; and
 - vi. At least 8% of the value of Property, Plant and Equipment component of each annual and adjustments budget shall be set aside for maintenance.
- (b) When considering the draft annual budget, council shall consider the impact which the proposed increases in rates and service tariffs will have on the monthly municipal accounts of households;
- (c) The impact of such increases shall be assessed on the basis of a fair sample of randomly selected accounts;
- (d) The operating budget shall reflect the impact of the capital component on:

- depreciation charges
- repairs and maintenance expenses
- interest payable on external borrowings
- other operating expenses.

(e) The cost of indigence relief is separately reflected in the appropriate votes.

9. FUNDING OF CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET

- (a) The budget may be financed only from:
- i. realistically expected revenues, based on current and previous collection levels;
 - ii. cash-backed funds available from previous surpluses where such funds are not required for other purposes; and
 - iii. borrowed funds in respect of the capital budget only.

10. UNSPENT FUNDS / ROLLOVER OF BUDGET

- a) The appropriation of funds in an annual or adjustments budget will lapse to the extent that they are unspent by the end of the relevant budget year, but except for funds relating to capital expenditure;
- b) Only unspent grants (if the conditions for such grant funding allows that) or loan funded capital budget may be rolled over to the next budget year;
- c) Conditions of the grant fund shall be taken into account in applying for such rollover of funds;
- d) Application for rollover of funds shall be forwarded to the budget office by the 30th June each year in order to be considered by Council by August in terms of legislation;
- e) No funding for projects funded from the Capital Replacement Reserve shall be rolled over to the next budget year except in cases where a commitment has been made 90 days (30 March each year) prior the end of that particular financial year; and
- f) No unspent operating budget shall be rolled over to the next budget year.

11. VIREMENTS BUDGET/ BUDGET TRANSFERS

The virements budget is covered in a separate policy and is summarised as follows:

- a) Budget transfers within the same vote shall be recommended by the Head of Department or his nominee and approved by the Chief Financial Officer or such other senior delegated official in the Budget and Treasury Department;
- b) No budget transfers or virements shall be made to or from salaries except with the prior approval of the City Manager and the Chief Financial Officer;
- c) In cases of emergency situations virements shall be submitted by the Accounting Officer to the Executive Mayor for authorisation and be reported to Council at its next meeting;
- d) The budget for personnel expenditure may not be increased without prior approval of the City Manager and Chief Financial Officer;
- e) Savings on allocations earmarked for specific operating and capital projects may not be used for other purposes except with the approval of council;
- f) Savings may be utilised in the amount appropriated under a main expenditure category (e.g. Salaries, General Expenses, Repairs & Maintenance, etc.) within a vote towards the defrayment of excess expenditure under another main expenditure category within the same vote, with the approval of the Chief Financial Officer or such senior delegated official in the Budget & Treasury Department;
- (g) Savings in an amount appropriated for capital expenditure may not be used to defray operational expenditure; and
- (h) Virements between votes shall be included in the adjustment budget.

12. ADJUSTMENT BUDGET

The principles of an adjustment budget are as follows:

- a) The chief financial officer shall ensure that the adjustments budgets comply with the requirements of the National Treasury and reflects the budget priorities and are aligned with the IDP, and comply with all budget-related policies, and shall make recommendations regarding the revision of the IDP, SDBIP and the budget-related policies that may arise out of these adjustments to the budget;
- b) Council may revise its annual budget by means of an adjustments budget as prescribed by legislation in terms of section 28 of the MFMA and regulation 23 of The Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations, which provides, inter alia for the following:
 - I. An adjustment budget may be tabled in the Municipal Council at any time after the Mid-year Budget and Performance Assessment has been tabled in the Council, but **not later than 28 February** of the current year; and
 - II. Only **one** adjustment Budget referred to above may be tabled in the Municipal Council during a financial year, except:
 - when additional revenues are allocated to a municipality in a national or provincial adjustment budget or via institutional grants; and
 - to authorise unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure or to authorise roll-overs from the previous financial year.
- c) Departments must submit their final adjusted budgets to the Budget Office by end January – to take into account recommendations from the mid-year budget and performance report tabled to Council in January that affect the annual budget;
- d) An adjustments budget must contain all of the following:
 - an explanation of how the adjustments affect the approved annual budget;
 - appropriate motivations for material adjustments; and
 - an explanation of the impact of any increased spending on the current and future annual budgets.
- e) Any unappropriated surplus from previous financial years, if fully cash backed may be used to balance any adjustments budget;
- f) Municipal taxes and tariffs may not be increased during a financial year except if required in terms of a financial recovery plan;
- g) Unauthorised expenses may be authorised in an adjustments budget;
- h) In regard to unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure, the following apply; and
- i) The Executive Mayor may authorise such expenses in an emergency or other exceptional circumstances and these expenses must be reported to Council at its next meeting.

13. BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION

13.1. MONITORING

- a) The accounting officer with the assistance of the chief financial officer and other senior managers are responsible for the implementation of the budget, and must take reasonable steps to ensure that:
 - funds are spent in accordance with the approved budget;
 - expenses are reduced if expected revenues are less than projected; and
 - revenues and expenses are properly monitored.
- b) The Accounting officer with the assistance of the chief financial officer must prepare any adjustments budget when such budget is necessary and submit it to the Executive Mayor for consideration and tabling to Council;

- c) The Accounting officer must report in writing to the Council any impending shortfalls in the annual revenue budget, as well as any impending overspending, together with the steps taken to prevent or rectify these problems.

13.2 REPORTING

13.2.1 Monthly budget statements

- a) The accounting officer with the assistance of the chief financial officer must, not later than ten working days after the end of each calendar month, submit to the Executive Mayor and Provincial and National Treasury a report in the prescribed format on the state of the municipality's budget for such calendar month, as well as on the state of the budget cumulatively for the financial year to date.

This report must reflect the following:

- i) actual revenues per source, compared with budgeted revenues;
 - ii) actual expenses per vote, compared with budgeted expenses;
 - iii) actual capital expenditure per vote, compared with budgeted expenses;
 - iv) actual borrowings, compared with the borrowings envisaged to fund the capital budget;
 - v) the amount of grant allocations received, compared with the budgeted amount;
 - vi) actual expenses against allocations, but excluding expenses in respect of the equitable share;
 - vii) explanations of any material variances between the actual revenues and expenses as indicated above and the projected revenues by source and expenses by vote as set out in the service delivery and budget implementation plan;
 - viii) the remedial or corrective steps to be taken to ensure that the relevant projections remain within the approved or revised budget; and
 - ix) projections of the revenues and expenses for the remainder of the financial year, together with an indication of how and where the original projections have been revised.
- b) The report to the National and provincial Treasuries must be both in electronic format and in a signed printed formats.

13.2.2 Quarterly and Mid-Year Reports Reports

The Executive Mayor must submit to Council within thirty days of the end of each quarter a report on the implementation of the budget and the financial state of affairs of the municipality.

13.2.3 Mid-year budget and performance assessment

- a) The Accounting officer must assess the budgetary performance of the Municipality for the first half of the financial year, taking into account all the monthly budget reports for the first six months, the service delivery performance of the municipality as against the service delivery targets and performance indicators which were set in the service delivery and budget implementation plan;
- b) The Accounting officer must then submit a report on such assessment to the Executive Mayor by 25 January each year and to Council, Provincial Treasury and National Treasury by 31 January each year; and
- c) The Accounting Officer may in such report make recommendations after considering the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer for adjusting the annual budget and for revising the projections of revenues and expenses set out in the service delivery and budget implementation plan.

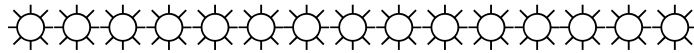
14. CONCLUSION

The respective officials in the Heads of Departments must coordinate the placement on the municipality's official website the following:

- a) the annual and adjustments budgets and all budget-related documents;
- b) all budget-related policies;
- c) the integrated development plan;
- d) the annual report;
- e) all performance agreements;
- f) all service delivery agreements;
- g) all long-term borrowing contracts; and
- h) all quarterly and mid-year reports submitted to Council on the implementation of the budget and the financial state of affairs of the municipality.

15. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this reviewed policy is the 1st July 2020.



EKURHULENI BUDGET



ANNEXURE D2

PRICING POLICY

2020-2021

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public service partner that fosters change
towards building a better Ekurhuleni*

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PRICING POLICY

1. APPLICATION AND SCOPE

The Pricing Policy is applicable to the City of Ekurhuleni as well as to all of the municipal entities of the City, being:

- ▶ Brakpan Bus Company;
- ▶ East Rand Water Care Company; and
- ▶ Ekurhuleni Housing Company, including Pharoeh Park, Phase Two and Lethabong Housing Company.

The policy will be effective as from 1 July 2020.

2. OBJECTIVES OF POLICY

To ensure that pricing of services in the City of Ekurhuleni is done in a financially sustainable and socially responsible manner, and in doing so:

- ▶ Determining cost reflective tariffs, as far as is possible;
- ▶ Ensuring equitable pricing;
- ▶ Ensuring affordability of basic services to the community;
- ▶ To ensure compliance with the Municipal Systems Act; and
- ▶ To ensure compliance with all tariff setting regulatory bodies.

3. INTRODUCTION

The municipality must have a balance between investments made in productive capacity versus investment made in social services. As such, a Pricing Policy Statement was introduced with the compilation of the 2013/14 – 2015/16 budget cycle. This policy statement must be read in conjunction with the following policy documents:

- ▶ Budget Policy Statement;
- ▶ Property Rates Policy;
- ▶ Electricity Tariff Policy;
- ▶ Free Basic Electricity Policy;
- ▶ Water and Wastewater Tariff Policy; and
- ▶ Waste Management Services Tariff Policy.

4. VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF PRICING

The City of Ekurhuleni has a wide range of customers. The pricing policy is intended to derive at appropriate pricing and cross-subsidisation mechanisms to meet the needs of the various customer groupings.

Whilst the categories of users guide pricing, the various tariff policies of the City will govern the prices that will be payable for the various services and a person will not be entitled to a subsidy simply based on the category in which the person is deemed to fall.

The exception will be approved and deemed indigent category where a person or property will qualify for grants, rebates and free basic services based on status or residential property value.

In terms of the approved Indigent Policy of Council, indigent relief will be granted to an approved household where the:

- a) combined household income of all occupants/ residents and/ or dependants residing on the property and are over the age of 18 years of age, is less than two (2) state monthly pension grants, as amended by Minister of Finance from time to time;
- b) Combined household income of all occupants/ residents and/or dependants residing on the property and are over the age of 18 years, is less than two monthly wage, based on Area A Domestic Sector more than 27 hour week determination, as amended by the Minister of labour from time to time.
- c) account in respect of basic services and/or assessment rates, is held with Council in the name of the applicant;
- d) applicant is a South African citizen;
- e) the property is used for Residential purposes only; and
- f) owner of the property is an indigent applicant and municipal value of property does not exceed maximum value as determined by Council's assessment rates tariff policy.

Households within the following categories of properties will be deemed to be indigent households, if - :

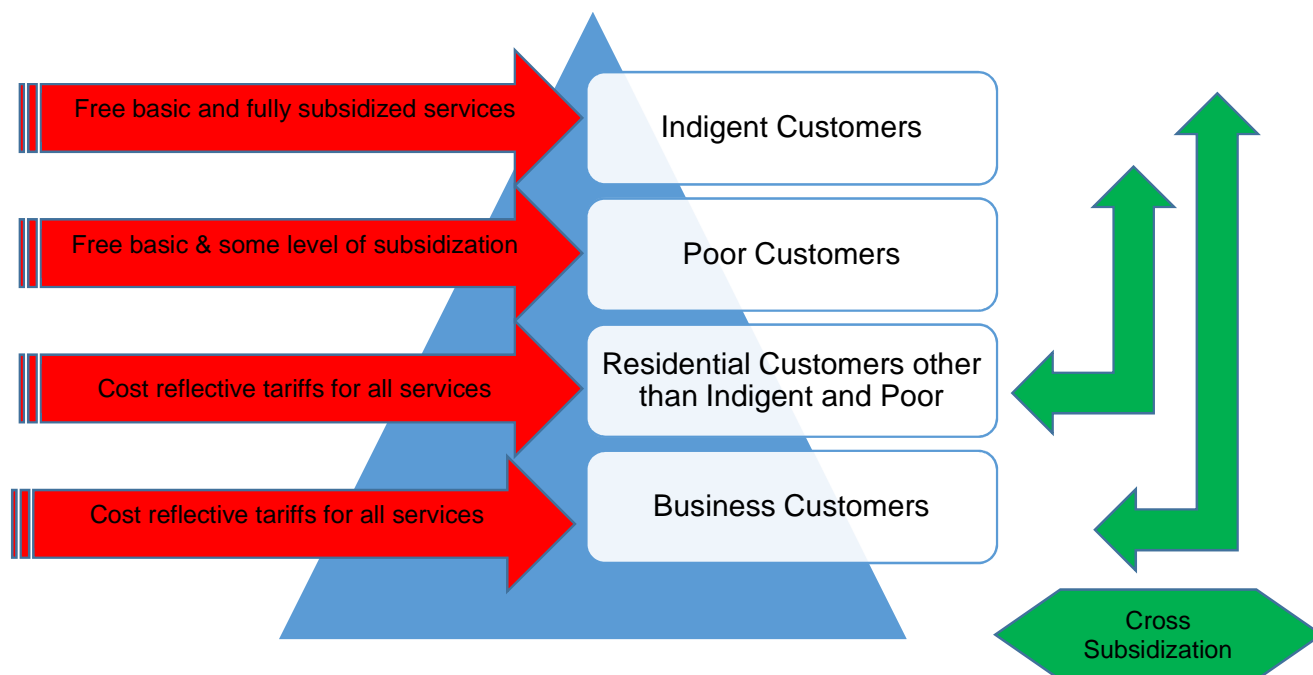
- (a) the property is used for residential purposes only as reflected in General Valuation roll;
- (b) residential exclusion as per Property Rates Act 2004 (Act No 6 of 2004) is applicable to property;
- (c) municipal value of property does not exceed maximum value R150 000.

Households within City of Ekurhuleni listed Un-proclaimed Townships will be deemed to be indigent households, if:

- (a) Property identified as Un-proclaimed Township not registered in Deeds Office.
- (b) Proclaimed property is registered in name of City of Ekurhuleni and included in general valuation roll.
- (c) Provisional value of individual developed residential property, as determined by City of Ekurhuleni municipal valuer, will not exceed maximum value of R 150 000 on date of valuation.
- (d) Account in respect of Basic Services is held with Council in the name of the household;

In addition, residents of Ekurhuleni who do not have a formal municipal account but live in an informal settlement will also be registered as indigents. Whilst these residents will not benefit from rebates related to assessment rates, free basic services will be extended to these residents to the extent that infrastructure is available (i.e. provision of water to informal settlements, collection of refuse from informal settlements, chemical toilets, free basic electricity or free basic alternative energy etc.). Other benefits that apply to registered indigents will also be extended to those in informal settlements who are registered on the indigents register of Council.

The pricing and cross-subsidisation strategy is reflected below:



5. DETERMINATION OF POVERTY

There are differences between poverty and indigence and the factors to be taken into account in determining the aforementioned are in the process of policy formulation as required in terms of the law.

How do we deal with scenarios where an individual is a beneficiary under the indigent policy of the municipality in circumstances where it is clear that the individual is above the set threshold to qualify for such benefits or discounts? For example, an individual who lives in a shack simply because it is his or her choice, or individuals with certain amenities which ordinarily cannot be enjoyed by people falling within the threshold, as set out for qualification in the indigence scheme (such as DSTV in a shack or a flashy car etc).

The list below relates to legislative provisions, municipal policies and by-laws which are relevant in dealing with this matter:

- ▶ The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act 108 of 1996.
- ▶ Water Services Act.
- ▶ The Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000.
- ▶ The Municipal Property Rates Act 6 of 2004.
- ▶ Framework for a Municipal Indigent Policy.
- ▶ Electricity Pricing Policy (EPP) of the South African Electricity Supply Industry
- ▶ Electricity By-laws.
- ▶ Water By-laws.
- ▶ Policy on the Provision of Free Basic Services – water and wastewater.
- ▶ Electricity Basic Services Support Tariff (Free Basic Electricity) Policy
- ▶ Policy on the Provision of Free Basic Electricity.
- ▶ Indigent Support Policy.
- ▶ Property Rates Policy.

Section 229 of the Constitution authorises the municipality to impose rates on property and surcharges on fees for services provided by, or on behalf of, the municipality subject to national legislation.

Section 3 of the Water Services Act states that everyone has a right of access to basic water supply and basic sanitation.

Section 74 of the Municipal Systems Act provides that a municipal council must adopt and implement a tariff policy on the levying of fees for municipal services, in accordance with prescribed principles in terms of the section.

Section 2(a) of the Municipal Property Rates Act says that a metropolitan or local municipality may levy a rate on property in its area.

Section 3(5) of the Municipal Property Rates Act states that any exemptions, rebates or reductions adopted by a municipality must comply and be implemented in accordance with a national framework that may be prescribed after consultation with organised local government.

It is worth mentioning at this stage that the above mentioned legislation does not define poverty or indigent. Poverty is defined in Black's Law Dictionary as "*a condition where people's basic needs like food and shelter are not being met*". Indigent is defined in the aforementioned source as "*a person who is needy and poor, or one who has no property to furnish him a living or anyone able to support him and to whom he is entitled to look for support*".

5.1 PROPERTY RATES POLICY

Section D of the abovementioned policy provides for criteria for exemptions, reductions and rebates in terms of which the following are to be taken into account:

- a) Indigent status of the owner of a property.
- b) Source of income of the owner of a property; and
- c) Social or economic conditions of the area where the owners of the property are located.

Paragraph 9 lists the categories of owners of property for purposes of exclusions, exemptions, reductions, rebates and differential rating, namely, residential, indigent owners, child headed households, pensioners and disability grantees/medically boarded persons and the like.

5.2 INDIGENT SUPPORT POLICY

This policy defines an "indigent person" as a person lacking the basic necessities of life such as insufficient water, basic sanitation, refuse removal, health care, housing, environmental health, and supply of basic energy, food and clothing.

"Deemed Indigent" household is defined as individuals who live together in a single residential property and qualifies for indigent relief based on the use and value of property as determined in terms of general valuation roll.

Paragraph 9 deals with the criteria for qualification for indigent support and under 9.1.1, indigent relief will be granted to an approved household where the:

- a) Combined household income of all occupants/residents and/or dependents residing on the property and are over the age of 18 years, are less than two state monthly pension grants.
- b) Account in respect of basic services and/ or assessment rates, is held with Council in the name of the applicant.
- c) Applicant is a South African citizen.
- d) The property is used for residential purposes only, and
- e) Owner of the property is an indigent applicant and municipal value of the property does not exceed the maximum value as determined by council's assessment rates tariff policy

Paragraph 9.1.3 states that indigent relief will **not** be granted where the applicant, household, occupants/residents and/or dependents residing on the property, as the case may be, -

- (a) receive significant benefits or regular monetary income that is above the indigent qualification threshold;
- (b) where the applicant is not the registered consumer of services in the records of Council;
- (c) where the applicant own/s more than one (1) property, registered individually or jointly within area of jurisdiction of Council;
- (d) where the applicant rent/s or subleases his property or part thereof to any third party during the duration of the grant period; or
- (e) applicant tampers or illegally connects or reconnects services prior to this application, until such time as the total costs, penalties, other fees, illegal consumption and any applicable tariffs and rates due to the Council have been paid in full.

Paragraph 9.2 states that households will be deemed indigent if the property is used for residential purposes only and municipal value of the property does not exceed R150 000.

If a customer's application as an indigent is successful and the customer's electricity consumption is measured with a post-paid (credit) meter, the post-paid meter shall be replaced with a prepayment meter.

6. ASSESSMENT RATES PRICING

In determining the level of increases in the rates, the criteria to be applied include the following:

- ▶ Ratepayers with similar categories of properties will pay similar levels of assessment rates.
- ▶ The ability of specific categories of properties and/or categories of owners to pay their assessment rates will be taken into account by the Council through applicable rebate policies.
- ▶ In terms of section 229(2)(a) of the Constitution, a municipality may not exercise its power to levy rates on property in a way that would materially and unreasonably prejudice -
 - (a) national economic policies;
 - (b) economic activities across its boundaries; or
 - (c) the national mobility of goods, services, capital or labour.
- ▶ The determination of the tariffs and the levying of rates must allow the Council to promote local, social and economic development.

Property rates are determined based on the categories of rateable properties which are determined according to actual use of the property irrespective of the permitted use in terms of the Town Planning Scheme. Categories of properties are included in Property Rates Policy and reviewed on annual basis in terms of the provisions of Municipal Property Rates Act.

The applicable tariffs relevant to various categories of properties will be influenced by :

- ▶ Pricing ratio of the category – Residential category forms the basis of ratio determination with differentiated ratios being applied to different categories of properties. As an example, industrial ratio is 2.5, meaning that the rate of industrial properties will be 2.5 times higher than the residential rate. Similarly, the ratio of farms is 0.25 meaning that the rate of farms will be a quarter of that of residential properties. The various ratios are contained in the property rates policy.
- ▶ Rebates and exemptions granted in respect of category – various categories have rebates associated with the use of the property. Churches, as an example, receive a 100% rebate, indigents receive a 100% rebate, and pensioners receive rebates based in first instance on pensioner status with additional rebate of up to 100% depending on their household income. In addition, all residential properties have a legally compulsory exemption of at least R15 000. This exemption can be increased to the discretion of Council as part of its pricing policy.

In addition, the existing rebates offered in terms of Section 15(1) (b) of the Property Rates Act read with Council's Property Rates Policy will remain in place for the 2019-20 financial year.

The rebates are as follows:

- ▶ Indigent Households – Owner of residential property, registered in terms of councils approved Indigent Policy, be exempted from paying of property rates.
- ▶ Child headed households – That a child headed household registered in terms of councils approved Indigent Policy, be exempted from paying of property rates.
- ▶ Age/Pensioners reduction, disability grantees and medically boarded persons – subject to requirements as set out in Property Rates Policy, an additional reduction of R150 000 on the market value of residential property owned by person older than 60 years of age or registered as "Life right use" tenant in deeds office (Age/Pensioner reduction), disability grantees and medically boarded persons be granted.
- ▶ Aged/Pensioners rebate, disability grantees and medically boarded persons – an additional rebate be granted in respect of sliding scale based on average monthly earnings.

The applicant must:

- be the registered owner of the property or registered as "Life right use" tenant in deeds office.
- produce a valid identity document;
- must be at least 60 years of age upon application, provided that where couples are married in community of property and the property is registered in both their name, the age of the eldest will be the qualifying factor, or approved disability grantee or approved medically boarded person;
- not be in receipt of an indigent property rate rebate;

- reside permanently on the property concerned which consists of one dwelling only and no part thereof is sub-let;
- confirm the aforementioned details by means of a sworn affidavit and/or latest income tax assessment.
- On approval, the following rebates will be applicable:

Average Monthly earnings in respect of preceding 12 months.	
R0.00 to R 3,560.00 (2 x State pensions when amended)	100 % rebate on property rates
R3,560.01 to R7,440.00	85% rebate on property rates
R7,440.01 to R11,160.00	70% rebate on property rates
R11,160.01 to R14,880.00	55% rebate on property rates
R14,880.01 to R18,600.00	40% rebate on property rates

That the minimum “average monthly earnings” be adjusted annually and effective in accordance with National Government Budget announcement in respect of state pensions.

- ▶ **Sporting bodies** - used for the purposes of amateur sport and any social activities which are connected to sport: 90% rebate in respect of the amount levied as rates on the relevant property but subject to existing agreements between club and Council not determining a different position.
- ▶ **Welfare organisations** registered in terms of the National Welfare Act, 1978 (Act No. 100 of 1978, 100% rebate in respect of the amount levied as rates on the property.
- ▶ **Public benefit organisations/Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Cultural Organisations** approved in terms of section 30 of the Income Tax Act 58 of 1962, read with Items 1, 2 and 4 of the Ninth Schedule to that Act, 100% rebate in respect of the amount levied as rates on the property.
- ▶ **Protected areas/nature reserves/conservation areas** – That protected areas/nature reserves/conservation areas be exempted from paying of property rates.
- ▶ **Private schools, universities, colleges and crèches :**
 - Private (independent) primary and secondary schools (regardless of whether subsidised or not), registered as educational institutions, a rebate of between 70% and 100% in respect of the amount levied as rates on the relevant property, subject to prior application and submission of prior years' audited financial statements. Rebate will be adjusted negatively in accordance with percentage ratio between net profit and gross income in the following categories:

Net Profit after tax%	Net Rebate%
0.00% - 10.00%	100%
10.01% - 20.00%	90%
20.01% - 30.00%	80%
30.01% - 40.00%	70%

- Private (independent) universities and colleges, registered as educational institutions not subsidised by state, 20% rebate in respect of the amount levied as rates on the relevant property.
- Crèches, registered as educational institutions, 100% rebate in respect of the amount levied as rates on the relevant property.

- ▶ **Vacant unimproved stands** - That a 75% rebate be granted on residential property on which a dwelling unit(s) is/are being constructed and which will be used exclusively for that purpose, subject to the following conditions:

- That an approved building plan is supplied;
- That a residential dwelling unit(s) be constructed on the property;
- That the 75% rebate be granted for a maximum period of eighteen (18) months from the date the approved building plan was supplied;
- That the occupation certificate be supplied at the end of the eighteen (18) month period;
- That the failure to supply the occupation certificate will result in a reversal of the 75% rebate already granted; and
- That in the event that the said property is sold prior to the issue of the occupation certificate, the rebate already granted be reversed.

7. ENERGY PRICING

The Inclining Block Tariff was designed by NERSA to protect the poor from high electricity costs. In addition, Free Basic Electricity (FBE) also protects the poor from high electricity costs.

The City, strategically and in part, matches the lower than municipal rate Eskom Inclining Block Tariff, given the approximately 160 000 direct Eskom supplied customers in the area. The City also provides 100 units FBE to all residential customers on Tariff A (IBT).

FBE is dealt with under separate provisions of government's social programmes. The principle of an IBT is specifically provided for and supported by the "South African Electricity Supply Industry: Electricity Pricing Policy GN 1398 of 19 December 2008" (EPP) which states that:

"Low income tariff customer subsidisation: Charging an appropriate tariff structure that allows for maximum subsidization at low consumption levels with gradually reducing cross-subsidies as the consumption levels increase."

Blocks	Consumption Levels	Basis of Block Range
Block 0	0 to 100 kWh	Equal to FBE
Block 1	(>100 to <= 600 kWh)	Presumed average household consumption informed by National Treasury
Block 2	>600 to <= 700 kWh	Cushioning customers spilling over from block1
Block 3	>700kWh	Barrier tariff to prevent a migration of higher end customers to the highly subsidized IBT

Ring fenced percentage of Income Budget towards repair and maintenance expenditure
The electricity tariffs shall include a maintenance fund calculated at 4% of income. Income to this fund is to be used for preventative and critical maintenance of the network only. This is not a levy as defined by the Municipal Fiscal Powers and Functions Act.

The electricity tariffs will again include an energy efficiency fund of 0.25% of income. The income from this is to be used for energy efficiency projects within Ekurhuleni. It is not a levy as defined by the Municipal Fiscal Powers and Functions Act.

8. WATER AND SANITATION PRICING

Broad water pricing goals have been established by National Government. These goals have been primarily directed at the pricing of raw water; however, they form an important context for the establishing of retail tariff goals.

The National Water Act of 1998 clearly identifies four primary national water pricing goals:

- ▶ Improving social equity;
- ▶ Ensuring ecological sustainability;
- ▶ Ensuring financial sustainability; and
- ▶ Improving efficiency.

The broad principles used in the compilation of the tariffs to promote the attainment of the tariff setting goals mentioned above that are applied in setting the tariffs are:

- ▶ adequate services are provided fairly to all consumers of Ekurhuleni;
- ▶ the prices of water and sanitation reflect the fact that they are both social and economic goods, ie pricing promotes access to a basic service, encourages the wise and sustainable use of resources and ensures financial sustainability;
- ▶ Tariffs to be based on “efficient costs”(cost to run the water service provider in a cost effective, efficient manner);
- ▶ Payment to be in proportion to the amount of water consumed. This will promote the more efficient use of water, compared to tariffs which have a large fixed-cost component; and
- ▶ Tariffs should promote the development of competitive business and economic development.

There are many factors that influence the cost of delivering water to customers. The following relevant costs are taken into account in order to determining the water tariff:

- ▶ Rand Water cost-bulk purchase cost;
- ▶ ERWAT sanitation treatment cost;
- ▶ Unaccounted for water(UAW);
- ▶ Percentage non-payment (bad debt provision);
- ▶ Cost of free basic water;
- ▶ Operating and maintenance cost of City of Ekurhuleni water and sanitation system;
- ▶ Capital investment cost of City of Ekurhuleni water and sanitation system; and
- ▶ Portion of equitable share made available by Central Government.

The Council's water tariffs are affected by the following factors and the minimum tariff has to cover the following aspects:

- ▶ Cost of raw water or bulk potable water; plus
- ▶ Cost of overhead and operational costs (maintenance and depreciation etc); plus

- ▶ Cost of capital (interest on loans); plus
- ▶ Reasonable rate of return on assets; plus
- ▶ Cost of free basic water provision; plus
- ▶ Provisions for bad debt and future infrastructure expansion; minus
- ▶ Subsidies (municipal infrastructure and the local government equitable share grants).

The Council's sanitation tariffs are affected by the following factors and the minimum tariff has to cover the following aspects:

- ▶ Sanitation treatment cost; and
- ▶ Cost of overhead and operational costs (maintenance and depreciation etc); plus
- ▶ Cost of capital (interest on loans); plus
- ▶ Reasonable rate of return on assets; plus
- ▶ Cost of free basic sanitation provision; plus
- ▶ Provisions for bad debt and future infrastructure expansion; minus
- ▶ Subsidies (municipal infrastructure and local government equitable share grants).

The water and sanitation tariffs shall include a maintenance levy calculated at 3% of income. Income resulting from this is to be used for critical water and wastewater maintenance only. This is not a levy as defined by the Municipal Fiscal Powers and Functions Act.

Steps tariffs for both domestic as well as commercial industrial usage have been applied (water and sanitation) to promote water conservation. The sanitation tariff will continue to be based on the volume of water consumed during the MTREF under consideration. The basis for this approach is to discourage wasteful water use practices and thus avoiding high water losses.

Current pricing approach

At present, the water and sanitation tariff structure is in the form of an inclining block tariff, ie the more you use, the more you pay. In addition, all residential customers do not pay for the first 6kl of water and sanitation. Registered indigents receive the 7th – 9th kilolitre at no cost as well.

The Water Loss Programme adopted must be strengthened in terms of resources so as to achieve intended targets and to reduce Non-Revenue Water levels. Currently water losses account for more than R400 million per year. This is revenue that cannot be recovered and is causing a strain on the surplus of the organisation. The eradication of water losses forms an integral part of the strategic priorities of the City in that it impacts on the broader business operation and further liquidity standing. The cost of water losses impact adversely on the existing consumers as such translates to direct increases on the tariffs charged for water and sanitation.

9. WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES PRICING STRATEGY

City of Ekurhuleni renders waste management services as a service authority and a service provider. The following services are rendered by the City:

- i. Street sweeping and litter picking;
- ii. Round collected refuse removal (including free basic waste collection and disposal for indigent families)
- iii. Landfill management (current and closed landfills)
- iv. Transfer Stations and Mini Sites
- v. Illegal Dumping Management
- vi. Bulk container services

The above services are rendered by the City as well as contracted service providers. The City is responsible for all management activities within the area of jurisdiction, though the contracted waste management services account for 51% of the residential clients. Currently the tariffs are subsidizing the non-income generating service, requiring a large increase of the tariffs year on year.

The National Pricing Strategy for Waste Management (NPSWM) is a legislative requirement of the National Environmental Management: Waste Amendment Act (Act No. 26 of 2014) and gives effect to the National Waste Management Strategy (NWMS). The Waste Act, as amended in section 13B, calls for an Act of Parliament to give effect to the pricing strategy, including details on 13B (b) determination of waste management charges and the review of these waste management charges from time to time. Section 13B(c) includes procedures for collection of charges through the national fiscal system.

The municipal solid waste tariff strategy was developed by the Department of Environmental Affairs in 2012. Its purpose is to provide a framework and guidance for municipalities in setting solid waste tariffs that align with the intentions of the National Waste Management Strategy. The strategy recognises the importance of full cost accounting as the foundation of financial sustainability, which is critical in the delivery of effective and efficient waste services.

The selection and use of economic instruments (EIs) must also be aligned with the "polluter pays principle" where all generators of waste (including businesses and households) are responsible for the costs of managing the waste generated. These include not only the direct financial costs of collection, treatment and disposal of waste, but also associated negative externalities including negative health and environmental impacts. Hence, use of Extended Producer Responsibilities (EPRs) as stipulated within the strategy provides a mechanism for boosting the recycling economy and monitoring the effectiveness of the implementation of Industry Waste Management Plans.

The underpricing of waste services creates the wrong set of incentives, undermines waste minimization efforts, and ultimately undermines the polluter pays principle which as the City we are yet to fully implement and see its outcomes. Economic instruments are then introduced with the objective of addressing the underpricing/ market failure created by the wrong price signals so the correct price is charged. The economic instruments incentivise behavior change and remove pricing distortions. Disposal of waste to landfill imposes significant costs on the environment and broader society, in the form of various health, social and environmental hazards. By contrast, moving up the waste management hierarchy (reducing, reusing, recycling and recovery of waste) has clear benefits over final disposal to landfill. It saves natural resources and energy; leads to reduced production costs associated with using recycled as opposed to virgin materials; reduces the costs of waste management; reduces environmental impacts, demand for landfill airspace and other costs associated with landfilling; and generates income and job creation opportunities for the poor and unemployed.

The City currently derive its revenue from the following sources:

- i. User charges (tipping fees, round collected refuse removal residential and commercial, Bulk Container removal, Environmental Levy, Landfill gas and Litter picking fees)
- ii. Grants (Operational Grants and Capital Grants)

The NPSWM recommends that municipalities must fund some of the services within waste management services through the General Rates, see Table 1 below. By virtue of not using the recommended funding options, the City forfeits the advantage of using the other sources of revenue to fund services, thus the reliance on grant funding to break even.

Table 1: Waste Management Funding Options

	Efficient allocation of resources	Efficient supply of services	Efficient use of natural resources	Cost recovery of natural resources	Financial viability	Horizontal equity	Vertical equity and poverty alleviation	Administrative and technical feasibility	Polluter pays	Avoid illegal dumping	Proportionality	Transparency	Promotion of local economic development
General rates	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
User charges (Waste generation proxy)	X	Y	Y	X	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y
User charges (Services levels)	X	Y	Y	X	X	Y	Y	Y	X	X	Y	Y	Y
User charges (Pay as you throw)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Combined approaches (Ring fenced)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Combined (Rates and charges)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
General : SWS funded by user charges	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

User charges for waste collection services in City of Ekurhuleni are flat monthly payments, often related to property size, value, type of waste, but unrelated to the quantity (volume or weight). This implies that the household does not pay per unit of waste generated or collected; i.e. The household faces zero costs at the margin for generating additional waste for disposal (usually to landfill); and thus has no incentive to reduce waste generation, or separate waste for recycling. The solution to this problem is not simply to increase waste management charges to a higher flat rate; as in that case the waste generator still faces zero costs at the margin for generating additional waste. Table 2 shows the options for enhancing full cost recovery options that the Department will follow and their imbedded incentives.

Table 2 Options for full cost recovery for waste management services

INSTRUMENT	INCENTIVE CREATED	Motivation and recommendations
Stand/Container Size	None	Users are not carrying the marginal cost of producing more waste in City of Ekurhuleni as well as that there are incentives for waste minimization. Move gradual towards pay as you throw.
Pay as you throw	Puts a price on each unit of waste collected from waste generators (such as households), thereby providing an incentive for the household to reduce the amount of waste generated or put out for collection, and to seek alternatives such as recycling or re-use. May further seek to internalise external (social and environmental) costs, thereby providing further incentives to reduce waste generation.	Volume or weight-based waste collection charges have been used by some municipalities in the European Union, South Korea, the United States, Union, South Korea, the United States, Canada and Australia
Landfill Rehabilitation Levy	None	Landfilling is still viewed as the cheapest option by users as the City bears the marginal cost of providing new landfills.
Waste Disposal taxes	Internalise the external costs of waste disposal into the disposal fees (e.g. landfill tipping fees), thereby increasing the cost of disposal relative to waste prevention, recycling and recovery, and in turn making the latter relatively more financially viable	The UK and some EU Member States levy a weight-based landfill tax on disposal to landfill, on top of the normal tipping fee (in combination with a ban on certain waste streams to landfill).

Volumetric tariffs (for the future) versus the Current container size, stand size and disposal tipping tariffs.

The aims of volumetric charging for waste collection services (pay-as-you-throw) are two-fold; firstly, to ensure that waste generators are charged per unit of waste set out for collection (ideally on a weight basis, or else per bag, or varying with bin size), thereby creating incentives for a reduction in waste generation. Secondly, having established volumetric charging, it is then possible to incorporate the external (social, environmental and health) costs associated with waste generation and disposal, in the form of a Pigouvian (environmental) tax (over-and-above tariffs reflecting full financial cost recovery). This tax rate should ideally be based on the external costs per ton of waste generated. It is also important that downstream charges distinguish between the costs related to providing the service at each specific stage of waste management (e.g. collection, transport, transfer, treatment and final disposal). True volumetric tariffs or pay-as-you-throw schemes have been implemented mainly in developed countries (e.g. USA, Switzerland, South Korea, Canada and Australia). In developing countries, waste collection tariffs tend to be flat periodic payments aimed at cost recovery rather than at reducing waste generation. There are a few isolated examples from Latin America (e.g. Santiago (Chile) and Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) where user charges are related to the weight of the waste being collected.

Nevertheless, only the private (financial) costs of the waste service are incorporated; external costs are not addressed (UNEP 2006). Furthermore, the Waste Amendment Act (Section 13A) provides for waste management charges that differ in respect of different geographic areas, including -

- i. on the basis of socio-economic aspects within the area in question;
- ii. the physical attributes of each area; and
- iii. the demographic attributes of each area.

In this respect, volumetric tariffs could be applied differentially on the basis of income levels or some proxy thereof (e.g. property values or location); in order to ensure that the impact on indigent households is minimised. In practice, this could be applied through the use of rising step/block tariffs, free basic service levels, or rates that differ based on income levels, property value or location. To the extent that transport distances impact on the costs (and associated externalities) of providing the service, this could also be taken into account, and the realistic transport costs should be considered and measures put in place to minimise the impact on poor households. Not taking into account such costs may lead to inefficient solutions which may cost the poor household even more. Furthermore, the Waste Amendment Act (Section 13A) provides for waste management charges that differ in respect of different types of uses, including -

- i. on the basis of the manner in which the waste is generated or disposed of;
- ii. whether it is re-used, recycled or recovered;
- iii. whether any previously disadvantaged group is impacted upon or derives any benefit therefrom.

As such, the charges in question (or higher charges) should apply to waste that is destined for disposal to landfill, whereas no charges (or lower charges) should apply to waste that is destined for reuse, recovery or recycling; while the opportunity for recycling to be subsidised should also be considered. Similar considerations (i.e. varying charges by geographic areas or different types of use) apply to certain of the other economic instruments discussed in the document.

4.1.2 Disposal taxes for future, current is disposal tipping fees.

Where it is not feasible to monitor the quantity of waste collected from individual waste generators, an alternative is to apply the environmental tax at the disposal stage (over-and-above existing disposal fees, e.g. landfill tipping fees; provided that these fees already address the full financial costs associated with disposal). In the case of landfill taxes, the level of the tax should ideally be based on the external costs (e.g. air, water and soil pollution; health impacts and 'disamenities') per ton of waste disposed of to landfill. These types of valuations require fairly in-depth studies and are highly site-specific. Ideally, charges should be based on valuations that have been conducted (or at least adjusted) specifically for the site in question. Nevertheless, in those cases where landfill taxes with explicit environmental objectives have been implemented (e.g. in the UK and New Zealand); the level of charges tends to be determined at the national level.

While the downstream instruments are aimed at reducing waste generation and disposal, and changing consumer behaviour, the revenue generated through the tariffs and taxes can be used to fund activities such as landfill closure costs, pollution monitoring and control, clean-up of contaminated sites, and resource recycling and recovery activities.²⁰ Revenue generated through downstream instruments, if successful in their objectives, will decrease over time as waste generation is reduced or diverted away from landfilling. This is expected in any successful implementation of the environmental fiscal reform policy.

Downstream instruments (volumetric tariffs and disposal taxes) are typically implemented as a tax in line with the overall fiscal and taxation policy of government. They are either implemented by municipalities (in the case of volumetric tariffs) or national government (in the case of disposal taxes). While they may be implemented in conjunction with upstream

instruments, as a direct tax they are typically implemented directly by National Treasury without the need for a broader local government or municipal implementation framework.

However, current research suggests that South African municipalities do not yet have the systems and infrastructure in place to implement downstream instruments such as volumetric tariffs ("pay-as-you-throw") and waste disposal taxes (including landfill and incineration taxes). In the case of waste disposal, differential tipping fees (varying by quantity and by waste type) are currently applied at most (if not all) private waste disposal facilities and some municipal waste disposal facilities. However, volumetric tariffs levied on the waste generators themselves, e.g. households, is still some way off from implementation.

- ▶ City of Ekurhuleni will ensure that they have financial and administrative systems in place before implementing volumetric tariffs on waste generators, such as correct billing and cost recovery systems. Similarly, the implementation of waste disposal taxes, require that the basics in waste management be achieved, before levying charges on waste disposal, e.g. correct waste information collection, weighing of waste at disposal facilities. National Treasury notes that disposal taxes may lead to perverse incentives and tax avoidance. As has been adopted elsewhere, government may opt to implement waste disposal taxes on permitted landfills, or on metropolitan municipalities and private waste disposal facilities, however this may have the unintended consequence of driving increased waste disposal to outlying small municipal landfills, which if not designed and operated correctly could have greater environmental and social impacts.

The department has revised the tariff structure to accommodate the following:

- ▶ The poor through a phased approach using different sliding pricing scales. The value range of properties up to R300 000 with a stand size of less than 300m² has a rebate of 15% that accounts for 39% of the residential communities; and
- ▶ A plan to roll out the 240 litter bins which has more benefits, and among those is the implementation of the polluter pays principle and it is proposed that the roll out is fast tracked.

A further revision of the tariff structure will be implemented in the future with the Integrated Waste Management Plan where the cost drivers will entail the entire waste management value chain i.e. planning, storage, recycling, transportation, alternative treatment and disposal.

Waste management tariffs for residential use should be "pro-poor" in their orientation and seek to ensure that a minimum basic level of service is affordable for all households, ensuring that all formal and informal households have access to basic waste management services. The policy must support the viability and sustainability of waste management services to the poor. Formal and informal households must have access to at least basic services through –

- 2.1.1 a free basic bagged service for informal households;
- 2.1.2 a basic 240l container for formal households;
- 2.1.3 tariffs that cover operating and maintenance costs; and
- 2.1.4 any other direct or indirect method of subsidisation of tariffs for poor households.

Cost reflectivity

Waste management tariffs must include all the costs reasonably associated with rendering the service, including capital, operating, maintenance, administration and replacement

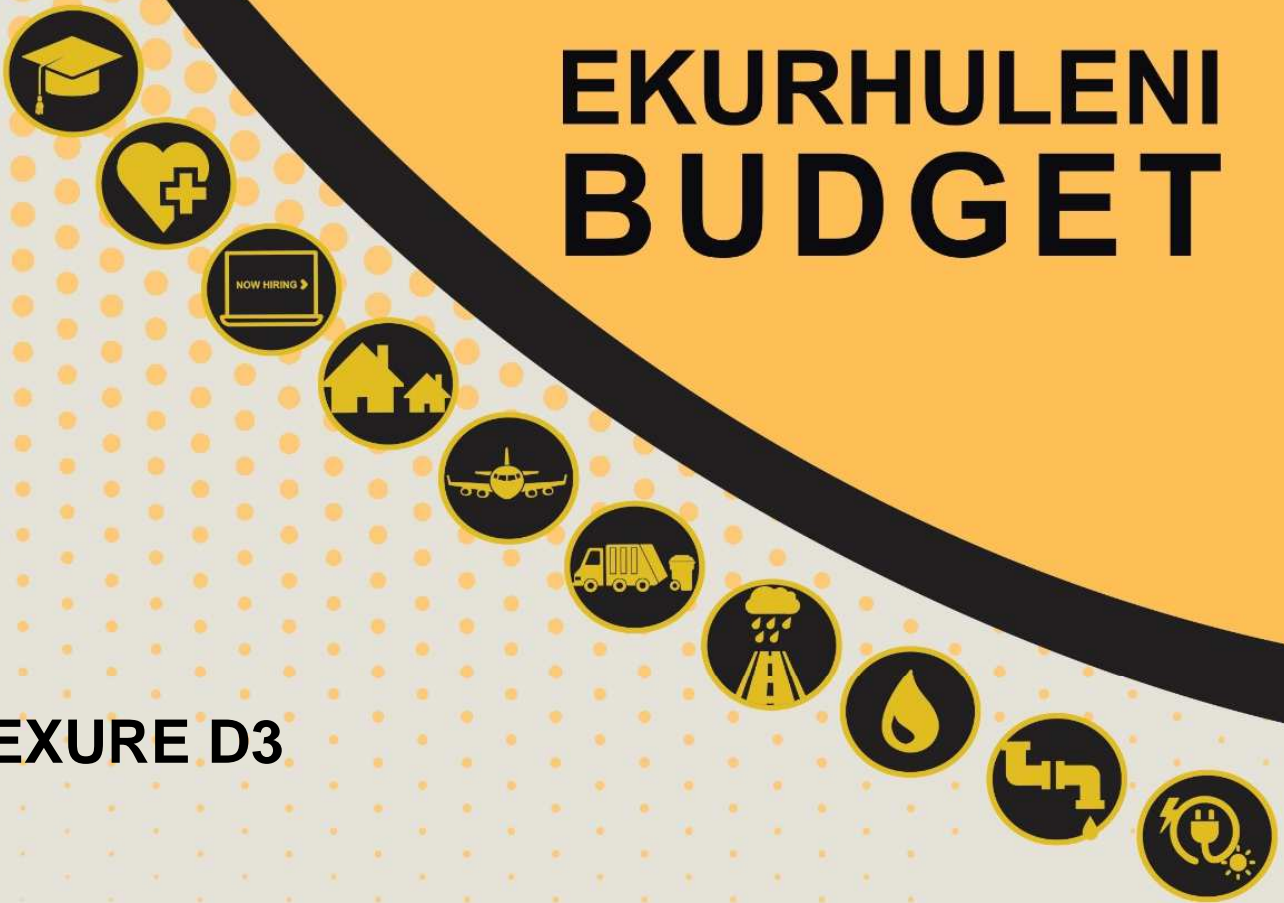
costs and interest charges. Correct cost allocations should be made that will allow costs to be mapped against the tariffs required so as to reflect those costs and prevent residential users cross subsidizing non-residential users. It should also include the fee for those waste management services provided for, or on behalf of City of Ekurhuleni, which cannot be allocated to a specific consumer. This may include area cleaning and *ad hoc* cleaning services.

The costs incurred by City of Ekurhuleni are unique and include the following:

- i. Emptying the containers;
- ii. Transporting the waste collected to the nearest disposal facility;
- iii. Remuneration;
- iv. Disposal /land filling costs;
- v. Management of mini refuse sites at disposal facilities;
- vi. Provision for containers and replacement thereof if damaged, lost or stolen;
- vii. Provision for bad debts;
- viii. General administrative costs and overheads
- ix. Depreciation and interest on borrowings;
- x. Capital and infrastructure replacement reserves;
- xi. Rehabilitation of landfill sites; and
- xii. Providing an enabling environment for implementation of waste minimisation initiatives.



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ANNEXURE D3

PROPERTY RATES POLICY

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PROPERTY RATES POLICY

SECTION A: INTRODUCTION, DEFINITIONS AND PRINCIPLES

1. PREAMBLE

WHEREAS section 229 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa empowers municipalities to levy property rates, subject to national legislation;

AND WHEREAS section 2 of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act No. 6 of 2004, as amended, is the national legislation that empowers a municipality to levy a rate on property in its area;

AND WHEREAS in terms of section 3(1) of the Act the council of a municipality must adopt a rates policy consistent with the Act on the levying of rates on rateable property in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS section 3(3) of the Act prescribes what issues are to be addressed in the rates policy;

AND WHEREAS any exemptions, rebates or reductions provided for in the Rates Policy must, in terms of section 3(5) of the Act, comply and be implemented in accordance with a prescribed national framework;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Ekurhuleni has adopted the Policy as set out hereunder: -

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Policy any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, shall bear that same meaning in this Policy, and unless the context indicates otherwise:

<i>“Act”</i>	means the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, No. 6 of 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004 as amended);
<i>“Agricultural purposes ”</i>	means a property that is used primarily for agricultural purposes but, without derogating from section 9 of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, No. 6 of 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004 as amended), excludes any portion thereof that is used commercially for the hospitality of guests and excludes the use of the property for the purpose of eco-tourism or for the trading in or hunting of game;
<i>“Business and commercial”</i>	means the activity of buying, selling or trade in goods or services and includes any office or other accommodation on the same erf, the use of which is incidental to such business, with the exclusion of the business of mining, agriculture, farming, or inter alia, any other business consisting of cultivation of soils, the gathering in of crops or the rearing of livestock or consisting of the propagation and harvesting of fish or other aquatic organisms.
<i>“Category”</i>	Means the category in relation to properties for the purpose of levying different rates, and category in relation to different owners of properties for the purpose of granting exemptions, rebates and reductions.

Child Headed Households”

Is deemed to be a household that is headed by a minor dependant or child under the age of 18 years who has assumed the role of care-giver in respect of the children in the household and is also responsible for management of such households, due to the parent/s guardian or care-giver of the household who was the registered owner/ account holder/ legal tenant of the property who is terminally ill, deceased or abandoned the children in that household.

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“Council”

Means -

- (a) the “Municipality” and vice versa;
- (b) the Council of the City of Ekurhuleni established by Provincial Notice No. 6768, as amended, exercising its legislative and executive authority through the municipality;
- (c) its successor in title; or
- (d) a structure or person exercising a delegated power or carrying out an instruction, where any power in these by-laws has been delegated or sub-delegated, or an instruction given, as contemplated in section 59 of the Act;
- (e) a service provider fulfilling a responsibility under these by-laws, assigned to it in terms of section 81(2) of the act, or any other by-law, as the case may be.

“Exemption”

in relation to the payment of a rate, means an exemption granted by a Municipality in terms of Section 15 of the Act;

“Industrial”

means a branch of trade or manufacturing, production assembling or processing of finished or partially finished products from raw materials or fabricated part, on so large scale that capital and labour are significantly involved.

“Indigent”

means an indigent person referred to in the Indigent Support Policy of the Council

“Multiple purpose”

in relation to a property, means the use of a property for more than one purpose;

“Municipal properties”

means those properties of which the municipality is the registered owner.

“Mining”

means any operation or activity for the purpose of extracting any mineral on, in or under the earth, water or any residue deposit, whether by underground or open working or otherwise and includes any operation or activity incidental thereto;

“Mining Property”

means a property used for mining operations as defined in the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No 28 of 2002)

“Newly rateable property”

means any rateable property on which property rates were not levied before the end of the financial year preceding the date on which this Act took effect, excluding:

- (a) a property which was incorrectly omitted from a valuation roll and for that reason was not rated before that date; and
- (b) a property by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette* where the phasing-in of a rate is not justified;

“Owner”:

- (a) in relation to a property referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of “property”, means a person in whose name ownership of the property is registered;
- (b) in relation to a right to in paragraph (b) of the definition of “property”, means a person in whose name the right is registered;
- (c) in relation to a time sharing interest contemplated in the Property Time-sharing Control Act, 1983 (Act No. 75 of 1983), means the management association contemplated in the regulations made in terms of section 12 of the Property Time-sharing Control Act, 1983, and published in Government Notice R327 of 24 February 1984;
- (d) in relation to a share block company, the share block company as defined in the Share Block Control Act, 1980 (Act No. 59 of 1980);
- (e) in relation to buildings, other immovable structures and infrastructure referred to in section 17(1)(f), means the holder of the mining right or the mining permit;
- (f) in relation to a land tenure right referred to in paragraph (c) of the definition of “property”, means a person in whose name the right is registered or to whom it was granted in terms of legislation; or
- (g) in relation to public service infrastructure referred to in paragraph (d) of the definition of “property”, means the organ of state which owns or controls that public service infrastructure as envisaged in the definition of “publicly controlled”.
- (h) Provided that a person mentioned below may for the purposes of this Act be regarded by a municipality as the owner of a property in the following cases:
 - (i) a trustee, in the case of a property in a trust excluding state trust land;
 - (ii) an executor or administrator, in the case of a property in a deceased estate;
 - (iii) a trustee or liquidator, in the case of a property in an insolvent estate or in liquidation;
 - (iv) a judicial manager, in the case of a property in the estate of a person under judicial management;
 - (v) a curator, in the case of a property in the estate of a person under curatorship;
 - (vi) a person in whose name a usufruct or other personal servitude is registered, in the case of a property that is subject to a usufruct or other personal servitude;
 - (vii) a lessee, in the case of a property that is registered in the name of a municipality and is leased by it;
 - (viii) a lessee, in the case of a property to which a land tenure right applies and which is leased by the holder of such right

- (ix) a buyer, in the case of a property that was sold by a municipality and of which possession was given to the buyer pending registration of ownership in the name of the buyer;

“Permitted use”,

in relation to a property, means the limited purposes for which the property may be used in terms of:

- (a) any restrictions imposed by:
 - (i) a condition of title;
 - (ii) a provision of a town planning or land use scheme; or
 - (iii) any legislation applicable to any specific property or properties; or
- (b) any alleviation of any such restrictions;

“Pensioner”

means a person whom -

- (i) is at least than 60 years of age on date of application, provided that where couples are married in community of property and the property is registered in both their names , the age of the eldest will be the qualifying factor;
- (ii) is the registered owner of the property;
- (iii) is in receipt of a total monthly income from all sources (including the income of the spouse of the owner) not exceeding an amount to be determined by the council;
- (iv) is the owner/occupant and account holder of the property concerned, which will consist of one dwelling only and no part thereof will be sub-leased;
- (v) must reside permanently on the property concerned which consists of one dwelling only; and
- (vi) a person who is a mentally and/or physically disabled person complying with the requirements in (ii) to (v) above.

“Place of Public Worship”

means property used primarily for the purpose of congregation, excluding a structure that is primarily used for educational instruction in which secular or religious education is the primary instructive medium. Provided that the property is –

- (a) registered in the name of the religious community,
- (b) registered in the name of a trust established for the sole benefit of a religious community,
- or
- (c) subject to a land tenure right.

“Property”

means:

- (a) immovable property registered in the name of a person, including, in the case of a sectional title scheme, a sectional title unit registered in the name of a person;
- (b) a right registered against immovable property in the name of a person, excluding a mortgage bond registered against the property;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (c) a land tenure right registered in the name of a person or granted to a person in terms of legislation; or (d) public service infrastructure;
<i>“Publicly controlled”</i>	<p>means owned by or otherwise under the control of an organ of state, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a public entity listed in the Public Finance Management Act 1999 (Act No 1 of 1999); (b) a municipality; or (c) a municipal entity as defined in the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000
<i>“Public service infrastructure”</i>	<p>means publicly controlled infrastructure of the following kinds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) national, provincial or other public roads on which goods, services or labour move across a municipal boundary; (b) water or sewer pipes, ducts or other conduits, dams, water supply reservoirs, water treatment plants or water pumps forming part of a water or sewer scheme serving the public; (c) power stations, power substations or power lines forming part of an electricity scheme serving the public; (d) gas or liquid fuel plants or refineries or pipelines for gas or liquid fuels, forming part of a scheme for transporting such fuels; (e) railway lines forming part of a national railway system; (f) communication towers, masts, exchanges or lines forming part of a communications system serving the public; (g) runways, aprons and the air traffic control unit at national or provincial airports, including the vacant land known as the obstacle free zone surrounding these, which must be vacant for the air navigation purposes; (h) channels, basins, roads, railway or infrastructure used for the provision of water, lights, power, sewerage or similar services of ports or navigational aids; (i) any other public controlled infrastructure as may be prescribed; or (j) a right registered against immovable property in connection with infrastructure mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (i);
<i>“Public Service Purposes”</i>	<p>in relation to the use of a property, means property owned and used by an organ of state as-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Hospitals and clinics; (b) schools, pre-schools, early childhood development centres or further education and training colleges; (c) national and provincial libraries and archives; (d) police stations; (e) correctional facilities; or (f) courts of law,

	but excludes property contemplated in the definition of "public service infrastructure";
<i>"Rate"</i>	means a municipal rate on property envisaged in Section 229(1)(a) of the Constitution;
<i>"Rateable property"</i>	means property on which a municipality may in terms of Section 2 of the Act levy a rate, excluding property fully excluded from the levying of rates in terms of Section 17 of the Act;
<i>"Ratio"</i>	in relation to section 19 of the Act, means the relationship between the cent amount in the Rand applicable to residential properties and different categories of non-residential properties: Provided that the two relevant cent amounts in the Rand are inclusive of any relief measures that amount to rebates of a general application to all properties within a property category;
<i>"Rebate",</i>	in relation to a rate payable on a property, means a discount granted in terms of Section 15 of the Act on the amount of the rate payable on the property;
<i>"Reduction",</i>	in relation to a rate payable on a property, means the lowering in terms of Section 15 of the Act of the amount for which the property was valued and the rating of the property at that lower amount;
<i>"Relief"</i>	means exemptions, reductions or rebates that may be granted by the City in terms of this Policy.
<i>"Residential property"</i>	means a property included in a valuation roll in terms of section 48(2)(b) in respect of which the primary use or permitted use is for residential purposes without derogating from section 9 of the Act;
<i>"Smallholding"</i>	refers to property, whether improved by the construction of a dwelling or not, not large enough to support a commercially viable farming operation, but able to provide a subsistence level of output to the owner of the property;
<i>"Sporting bodies"</i>	refers to organisations whose sole purpose is to use the property owned by them for sporting purposes, whether for gain or not;
<i>"Vacant land"</i>	means a land where no immovable improvements have been erected but excludes farms and small holdings not used for any purpose.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 INTRODUCTION

The Local Government Municipal Property Rates Act (Act no 6 of 2004 as amended) requires a municipality to develop and adopt a rates policy consistent with the Act on the levying of rates on rateable property in the Municipality.

Property rates are the most reliable source of revenue for the Municipality. Services financed from rates include installation and maintenance of streets, roads, sidewalks, street lighting, and storm water drainage facilities, building and operating clinics, parks, recreational facilities and cemeteries. Property rates revenue is also used to fund municipal administration such as computer equipment, stationery, and costs of Governance, such as Council and community meetings, which facilitate community participation on issues of Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) and municipal budgets.

The Council has resolved, in compliance with the provision of the Act, to impose a rate and as a consequence, this rates policy has been developed within the parameters of the applicable legislation relating to property rates.

3.2 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following principles will ensure that the Municipality treats persons liable for rates equitably in terms of the Act:

- (a) Ratepayers with similar properties will pay similar levels of rates
- (b) The ability of ratepayers to pay their rates will be taken into account by the Council.
- (c) The determination of the tariffs and the levying of rates must allow the Council to promote local, social and economic development.

3.3 STRATEGIC FOCUS

In determining the rates, exemptions, rebates and reductions, the Council may consider the following:

- (a) the impact of rates on the community,
- (b) the impact of rates on business
- (c) the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) of Council
- (d) the impact of rates on the Local Economic Development (LED) strategy of the Council
- (e) the impact of the new rating system on poor residential households and agricultural communities
- (f) when determining the rates on properties the following aspects must be taken into account namely:
 - (i) the effects of rates on the poor, including appropriate measures in order to alleviate the rates burden on them; and
 - (ii) the effect of reaching the objectives set out in paragraph 2.4 of this policy.
- (f) in developing or amending this policy, the Council commits itself to a process of community participation as envisaged in section 4 of the Act and chapter 4 of the Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No 32 of 2000) (MSA). In addition to the requirements laid down in the MSA, the Council will engage interested parties and structures, such as ratepayer organisations, directly in the process of community participation. In addition, use will be made of established community consultation structures, such as Ward committees, to ensure thorough participation with regard to the afore-mentioned process.

3.4 OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

The key objectives of the policy are to:

- (a) ensure that all owners of rateable property are informed about their liability to pay assessment rates;
- (b) specify relief measures for ratepayers who may qualify for relief or partial relief in respect of the payment of rates through exemptions, reductions and rebates contemplated in paragraph 8 of this policy;

- (c) set out the criteria to be applied by the Council if it increases rates and levies differential rates on different categories of property;
- (d) provide for categories of public benefit organisations, approved in terms of Section 30(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act no 58 of 1962) as amended, which ratepayers are eligible for exemptions, reductions and rebates and therefore may apply to the Council for relief from rates;
- (e) recognise the state, organs of state and owners of public service infrastructure as property owners;
- (f) encourage the development of property;
- (g) ensure that all persons liable for rates are treated fairly and equitably as required by the Act.

SECTION B: CATEGORIES OF PROPERTIES

4. DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF RATEABLE PROPERTY

4.1 The categories of property are determined according to actual *use* of the property irrespective of the permitted use in terms of the Town Planning scheme.

4.2 The Council in terms of section 8 of the Act has determined the following categories of property for purposes of rating:

- (a) residential properties;
- (b) industrial properties;
- (c) business and commercial properties;
- (d) agricultural properties;
- (e) mining and quarries;
- (f) public service purpose properties;
- (g) public service infrastructure;
- (h) public benefit activity property;
- (i) vacant land;

Other Categories

- (j) state-owned properties;
- (k) municipal properties;
- (l) privately owned towns serviced by the owner;
- (m) informal settlements;
- (n) protected areas;
- (o) properties on which national monuments are proclaimed;
- (p) Places of public worship

4.3 The Council may determine additional categories of rateable properties, provided that such determination in relation to property does not circumvent the categories of rateable property that must be determined in terms of subsection 4.2 of this policy and section 8 of the Act.

4.4 The Council has determined the following ratios in accordance with each category of property and to the rate on residential properties for purposes of tariff rating:

Category	Ratio
(a) residential properties	1:1.00
(b) industrial properties	1:2.50
(c) business and commercial properties	1:2.00
(d) agricultural properties	1:0.25
(e) mining and quarries	1:3.00
(f) public service purpose properties	1:2.00
(g) public service infrastructure	1:0.25
(h) public benefit activity properties	1:0.25
(i) vacant land	1:4.00
<u>Other Categories</u>	
(j) state-owned properties	1:2.00
(k) municipal properties	1:2.00
(l) privately owned towns serviced by the owner	1:1.00
(m) informal settlements	1:1.00
(n) properties on which national monuments are proclaimed;	1:1.00

5. LEVYING OF RATES

- 5.1 When levying rates, the Council must, subject to section 7 (2) of the Act levy rates on all rateable property in its area.
- 5.2 Section 7(1) of the Act does not: -
- (a) oblige a municipality to levy rates on –
 - (i) properties of which the Council is the owner;
 - (ii) public service infrastructure
 - (iii) properties referred to in (b) of the definition of “property” of this policy; or
 - (iv) properties in respect of which it is impossible or unreasonably difficult to establish a market value because of legally insecure tenure resulting from past racially discriminatory laws or practices; or
 - (b) Prevent the Council from granting in terms of section 15 (1) of the Act exemptions from, rebates on or reductions in rates levied.

6. SPECIAL RATING AREAS

- 6.1 The Council may by resolution establish special rating areas and levy an additional rate on property in that area for the purpose of raising funds for improving or upgrading that area.
- 6.2 Any exclusion, exemption, reduction or rebate granted in terms of this policy does not affect the additional rate payable by the owner in a Special Rating Area.

7. MULTIPURPOSE PROPERTIES

- 7.1 (a) Where two thirds or more of a property is used for residential purposes, the entire property will be placed in the residential category. The two third dominant use will apply.
- (b) If more than one third is used for purposes other than residential, the entire property will be placed in the use category applicable to more than one third uses.
- 7.2 Where one use is exempt, the property will be categorised under a “Multiple Use” category and the exempt portion will be treated separately to the remainder. Where the remainder is also used for multiple uses, “dominant use” will apply.
- 7.3 In the case of agricultural property, the multiple use categories will apply where:
- a) a portion is used for residential purposes other than residential purposes that is incidental to the farming activity; or
 - b) a portion is used for non-residential and non-agricultural purposes.

8. PHASING IN OF CERTAIN AREAS

The assessment rates on newly rateable properties, as defined in the Act, will be phased in as determined in section 21 of the Act.

SECTION C: DIFFERENTIAL RATING

9. CATEGORIES OF PROPERTIES AND CATEGORIES OF OWNERS OF PROPERTY

- 9.1 The Council has determined the following categories of owners of property for purposes :
- (a) Residential
 - (b) Indigent owners
 - (c) Child headed households
 - (d) Pensioners
 - (e) Disability grantees/medically boarded persons
 - (f) Owners of property situated within an area affected by a natural disaster
 - (g) Municipal
 - (h) Sporting bodies
 - (i) Public benefit organizations/Non Governmental Organisations (NGO's) and Cultural Organisations
 - (j) Protected areas, Nature Reserves and Conservation Areas
 - (k) Religious organisations
 - (l) Welfare Organisations
 - (m) Public & private schools, universities & colleges.
 - (n) Owners of property situated within an area affected by any other serious adverse social or economic conditions
 - (o) Owners of properties used for bona fide farming purposes
- 9.2 The Council may from time to time determine and identify other categories of owners of property for purposes of exemptions, reductions, rebates and differential rating.

SECTION D: RELIEF MEASURES RELATED TO CATEGORIES OF PROPERTY AND CATEGORIES OF OWNERS OF PROPERTIES.

10. CRITERIA FOR EXEMPTIONS, REDUCTIONS AND REBATES

The following will be taken into consideration for the purpose of granting exemptions, reductions and rebates:

- (a) Indigent status of the owner of a property
- (b) Sources of income of the owner of a property; and
- (c) Social or economic conditions of the area where the owners of property are located e.g. an area declared by the national or provincial government to be a disaster area within the meaning of Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002, to the extent that the property was significantly negatively affected.
- (d) Social or economic conditions of the property owner.

11. EXEMPTIONS, REDUCTIONS AND REBATES

11.1 RESIDENTIAL

The Council may grant a reduction in the market value of residential property by resolution of the Council, to be read with section 17(1) (h) of the Act regarding impermissible rates on the first R15 000.

11.2 INDIGENT OWNERS

- (a) The Council has adopted an Indigent Support Policy that provides for the alleviation of the rates burden on the low income sectors of the community within the Municipality.
- (b) Owners of property who qualify for the assistance provided under the Indigent Support Policy are required to make application to access the relief provided.
- (c) Owners must occupy property in order to qualify for relief.
- (d) The relief sought will be granted based on the property value as per published property valuation roll.

Deemed indigent relief will be granted based on property value as approved by Council.

11.3 CHILD HEADED HOUSEHOLDS

The Council has adopted an Indigent Support Policy that provides for the alleviation of the rates burden on child headed households within the Municipality. Qualifying households must make application to access the relief provided in terms of Indigent Support Policy.

11.4 PENSIONERS

Pensioners may receive a reduction and a rebate of an amount as determined by Council from time to time, subject to the following –

The applicant must:

- (a) be the registered owner of property within the following categories of properties :
 - Residential;
- (b) produce a valid South African identity document ;
- (c) must be at least 60 years of age upon application, provided that where couples are married in community of property and the property is registered in both their names, the age of the eldest will be the qualifying factor;
- (d) be in receipt of a total monthly income from all sources (including the income of the spouse of the owner) not exceeding an amount as determined by Council from time to time;
- (e) a once-off application must be submitted with the implementation of every new valuation roll. The applicant applies only once for the reduction and it remains valid for the duration of the valuation roll.
- (f) not be in receipt of an indigent property rate rebate;
- (g) must reside permanently on the property concerned which consists of one dwelling only and no part thereof is sub-let; and
- (h) confirm the aforementioned details by means of a sworn affidavit.

The pensioner's reduction and rebate will lapse:

- (a) on death of the applicant;
- (b) on alienation of the property;
- (c) when the Applicant ceases to reside permanently on the property;
- (d) on expiry of validity period of valuation roll.

11.5 DISABILITY GRANTEES AND / OR MEDICAL BOARDED PERSONS

Disability grantees and or medically boarded persons may receive a reduction and a rebate of an amount as determined by Council from time to time, subject to the following -

The applicant must:

- (a) be in possession of a disability card or provide medical proof of disability;
- (b) be the registered owner of property within the following categories of properties :
 - Residential;
- (c) produce a valid South African identity document;
- (d) not be in receipt of an indigent property rate rebate;
- (e) must reside permanently on the property concerned which consists of one dwelling only and no part thereof is sub-let;
- (f) a once-off application must be submitted with the implementation of every new valuation roll. The applicant applies only once for the reduction and it remains valid for the duration of that valuation roll; and
- (g) confirm the aforementioned details by means of a sworn affidavit.

The disability and medically boarded reduction will lapse:

- (a) on death of the applicant;
- (b) on alienation of the property; or
- (c) when the applicant ceases to reside permanently on the property;
- (d) on expiry of validity period of valuation roll

11.6 NATURAL DISASTERS

Properties that have been damaged by a natural disaster, as defined in terms of the Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002, shall be re-valued as at date of such natural disaster, in accordance with the Act.

On application by the owner of the property, as defined, the Council may fully or partially suspend the levying of rates on that property, as determined by Council from time to time.

11.7 MUNICIPAL

Property owned by Council and used for purposes of service delivery may be exempt, by Council Resolution, from levying of property rates.

11.8 SPORTING BODIES

Sporting bodies may, on application, be granted a rebate as determined by Council from time to time. Applicants must produce a tax exemption certificate issued by the South African Revenue Services (SARS) as contemplated in Part 1 of the Ninth Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act 58 of 1962).

The rebate will lapse:

- (a) on alienation of the property; or
- (b) if any such land or building is used for any purpose other than the purpose so exempted;
- (c) on expiry of validity period of valuation roll

11.9 PUBLIC BENEFIT ORGANISATIONS / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS

The following Public Benefit Organisations/ Non-Governmental Organisations may be exempted from paying property rates as determined by council from time to time:

a) Welfare & Humanitarian Institutions

Properties used exclusively as an orphanage, non-profit retirement villages, old age home or other non-profit institution for the benefit of the public or a section thereof, provided that any profits from the use of the property are used entirely for the benefit of the institution and / or for charitable purpose.

b) Animal Welfare

Property registered in the name of and used by institutions / organisations whose exclusive aim is to protect birds, reptiles and other animals on a non-profit basis.

c) Cultural

- (i) Property registered in the name of a declared institution in terms of the Cultural Institutions Act (Act 119 of 1998 as amended) promoting the cultural aims as defined in section (6)(a) and (b) of the Nineth Schedule to the Income Tax Act (Act 58 of 1962 as amended) which reads as follows:

- (a) The advancement, promotion or preservation of the arts, culture or customs.
- (b) The promotion, establishment, protection, preservation or maintenance of areas, collections or buildings of historical or cultural interest, national monuments, national heritage sites, museums, including art galleries, archives and libraries.
- (ii) Property registered in the name of a cultural organization or any organization which is, in the opinion of the municipality, promoting the cultural aims as defined in section (6)(c) of the Nine schedule to the Income Tax Act (Act 58 of 1962 as amended).

Exemptions may be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Application must be made in writing in the prescribed format and will be valid for duration of validity period of valuation roll;
- (b) Applicants must produce a tax exemption certificate issued by the South African Revenue Services (SARS) as contemplated in Part 1 of the Ninth Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act 58 of 1962);
- (c) The City Manager or his/her nominee must approve all applications;
- (d) The Council retains the right to refuse exemptions if the details supplied in the application form are incomplete, incorrect or false;
- (e) If during the currency of any financial year, any such land or building is used for any purpose other than the purpose so exempted, the Council shall impose rates thereon or on such portion so used, at a rate proportionate to the period of such use.

The rebate will lapse:

- (a) on alienation of the property; or
- (b) if any such land or building is used for any purpose other than the purpose so exempted;
- (c) on expiry of validity period of valuation roll

11.10 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

The following categories of owners may receive a rebate as determined by Council from time to time -

- (a) Public schools which are State funded;
- (b) Private schools which are not State funded in terms of section 34 of the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act No. 84 of 1996) and are registered as independent schools in terms of the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act No. 84 of 1996)
- (c) Universities; and
- (d) Technical and other colleges

11.11 OWNERS OF PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN AN AREA AFFECTED BY ANY OTHER SERIOUS ADVERSE SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

A property classified by Council Resolution under this category may receive a rebate as determined by Council from time to time.

11.12 OWNERS OF PROPERTIES USED FOR BONA FIDE FARMING PURPOSES

Properties used for bona fide agricultural purposes with the property owner deriving his principle source of income from produce of the land may receive a rebate as determined by Council from time to time.

11.13 VACANT UNIMPROVED LAND

Vacant unimproved land on which a dwelling unit(s) is/are being constructed and which will be used exclusively for Residential purposes may receive a rebate as determined by Council from time to time.

11.14 IMPERMISSIBLE RATES

In terms of section 17 of the act, rates in respect of the following categories of properties or use of property will be deemed impermissible –

- (a) *Public Services Infrastructure* - subject to paragraph (b) on the first 30% of the market value of property.
- (b) *Public Services Infrastructure* - on any property referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (e), (g) and (h) of the definition of "public service infrastructure"
- (c) *Protected Areas* - on those parts of a special nature reserve, national park or nature reserve within the meaning of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003), or of a national botanical garden within the meaning of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004), which are not developed or used for commercial, business, agricultural or residential purposes;
- (d) *Mining* - on mining rights or a mining permit within the meaning of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), excluding any building, other immovable structures and infrastructure above the surface of the mining property required for purposes of mining;
- (e) *Religious Organizations* - on a property registered in the name of and used primarily as a place of public worship by a religious community, including the official residence registered in the name of that community which is occupied by the office-bearer of that community who officiates at services at that place of worship.

11.15 EXEMPTION, REDUCTION AND REBATES EFFECTIVE DATE

- 11.15.1 Exemptions and Reductions as prescribed in terms of the Act will be applicable as from effective date of entry in current general valuation roll or supplementary valuation roll, compiled in terms of sections 32 and 78 of the Act.
- 11.15.2 Application based rebates as approved by council from time to time, will be effective as from date when all qualifying criteria in terms of rebate has been met, but not exceeding the effective date of entry in current general valuation roll or supplementary valuation roll, compiled in terms of sections 32 and 78 of the Act.

SECTION E: RATES INCREASE /DECREASE

12. CRITERIA FOR INCREASING OF RATES.

The Council must annually consider the levying of rates during the budget process and, if necessary, amend its rates policy taking into account public comments and inputs.

In determining the level of increases in the rates, the criteria to be applied include the following:

- (a) the inflation rate as indicated by the consumer price index;
- (b) Need to manage rates shocks.
- (c) Affordability of rates to ratepayers
- (b) take into consideration the medium term budget growth factors as determined by National Treasury guidelines.

SECTION F: LIABILITY FOR RATES

13.1 LIABILITY FOR RATES:

- (a) Rates levied on a property must be paid for by the owner of the property.
- (b) Joint owners are jointly and severally liable for payment of rates on the property.

13.2 AMOUNT DUE FOR RATES:

A rate in the rand is determined annually by the Council during the budget process.

13.3 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PROPERTY RATES POLICY:

The rates policy takes effect from the 1st July 2018.

13.4 METHOD AND TIME OF PAYMENT:

Council shall recover an annual levy payable on a monthly basis in twelve (12) near equal instalments.

13.5 PAYMENT AND RECOVERY OF RATES:

- (a) Payment and recovery of rates shall be in accordance with Council's relevant policies and by – laws.

14. SHORT TITLE

This policy shall be called the Property Rates Policy of the City of Ekurhuleni.

ADDENDUM

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS THAT ALL MUNICIPALITIES MUST COMPLY WITH IN TERMS OF THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY RATES ACT, 2004 (ACT NO 6 OF 2004) WITH REGARD TO RATES POLICY DEVELOPMENT

This addendum does not contain all provisions of the Act that must be complied with in the development of rates policy, but list just a few key provisions that the municipality deems necessary for residents / ratepayers to be aware of so that they get a full picture of rating issues that will affect them.

1. IMPERMISSIBLE RATE

A municipality may not levy a rate on the following in terms of section 17(1) of the Act :

- On the first **R 15 000.00** of the market value of public service infrastructure.
- Any part of the seashore in terms of section 17(1)(b) of the Act.
- Any part of the territorial waters of the Republic in terms of section 17(1)(c) of the Act.
- Any island of which the state is the owner in terms of section 17(1)(d) of the Act.
- Protected areas in terms of section 17(1)(e) of the Act.
- Mineral rights in terms of section 17(1)(f) of the Act.
- Properties belonging to land reform beneficiaries in terms of section 17(1)(g) of the Act.
- On the first **R 15 000.00** of the market value of residential properties in terms of section 17(1)(h) of the Act.
- Religious institutions in terms of section 17(1)(i) of the Act.

2. COMPULSORY PHASING IN OF CERTAIN RATES

Rates levied on a newly rateable property must be phased in over a period of three or four years depending on the ownership and use of such a property in terms of section 21 of the Act.

3. PRESCRIBED RATIOS

The municipality will comply with the ratios set by the Minister of Provincial and Local Government in concurrence with the Minister of Finance in terms of section 19 of the Act.

4. LIMITS ON ANNUAL INCREASES OF RATES

The municipality will comply with the notice issued by the Minister of Provincial and Local Government in concurrence with the Minister of Finance regarding the set upper limit on the percentage by which rates on properties or a rate on a specific property may be increased in terms of section 20 of the Act.

5. TARIFFS FOR 2020-21 FINANCIAL YEAR

Category	Ratio	Rate in the Rand
Residential	1	0.01131
Industrial	2.5	0.02827

Category	Ratio	Rate in the Rand
Business and Commercial	2	0.02262
Agriculture	0.25	0.00283
State Owned Properties	2	0.02262
Municipal Properties	2	0.02262
Public Services Infrastructure (PSI)	0.25	0.00283
Public Service Purpose Properties (PSP)	2	0.02262
Public Benefit Activity Properties	0.25	0.00283
Private Towns	1	0.01131
Informal Settlements	1	0.01131
Mining and Quarries	3	0.03393
Vacant Land	4	0.04524
National Monuments	1	0.01131

That in terms of Section 15(1)(b) of the Act read with Council's Property Rates Policy, the Council grants, the following reduction in market value and rebates on the rate levied for the financial year 2018/2019 to any owner of rateable property in the following circumstances :

1. That in terms of section 17(h) of the Municipal Property Rates Act, No 6 of 2004, the impermissible value of the market value of a property assigned to the residential category in the valuation roll or supplementary valuation roll, **BE CONFIRMED as R 15 000.**
2. That in terms of section 15(1)(b) of the Municipal Property Rates Act, No 6 of 2004, reduction of the market value of a property assigned to the residential category in the valuation roll or supplementary valuation roll, **BE DETERMINED as R 135 000.**
3. **Indigent household** – Owner of residential property, registered in terms of Council's approved indigent policy, 100% rebate **BE GRANTED** from paying of property rates.
4. **Child headed households** – That a child headed household registered in terms of Council's approved indigent policy, 100% rebate **BE GRANTED** from paying of Property Rates.
5. **Age / Pensioners reduction, Disability grantees and medically boarded persons** – That in addition to the reduction in 4.1 AND 4.2 above and subject to requirements as set out in Council's Property Rates Policy, an additional reduction of **R150 000.00** on the market value of residential property owned by person older than 60 years of age or registered as "Life right use" tenant in deeds office (Age / Pensioner reduction), disability grantees and medically boarded persons **BE GRANTED.**
6. **Aged / Pensioners rebate, Disability grantees and medically boarded persons** – That in addition to the reduction in 4.1 and 4.5 above, an additional rebate **BE GRANTED** in respect of sliding scale based on average monthly earnings.

The applicant must:

- i. be the registered owner of the property or registered as "Life right use" tenant in deeds office.

- ii. produce a valid identity document;
- iii. be at least 60 years of age upon application, provided that where couples are married in community of property and the property is registered in both their name, the age of the eldest will be the qualifying factor, **or** approved disability grantee **or** approved medically boarded person;
- iv. not be in receipt of an indigent assessment rate rebate;
- v. reside permanently on the property concerned which consists of one dwelling only and no part thereof is sub-let;
- vi. confirm the aforementioned details by means of a sworn affidavit and / or latest income tax assessment.
- vii. On approval, the following rebates will be applicable

Average Monthly earnings in respect of preceding 12 months.	
R0.00 to R 3,560.00 (2 x State pensions when amended)	100 % rebate on property rates
R3,560.01 to R7,440.00	85% rebate on property rates
R7,440.01 to R11,160.00	70% rebate on property rates
R11,160.01 to R14,880.00	55% rebate on property rates
R14,880.01 to R18,600.00	40% rebate on property rates

viii. That the minimum “average monthly earnings” be adjusted annually and effective in accordance with National Government Budget announcement in respect of state pensions.

7. **Sporting Bodies** - used for the purposes of amateur sport and any social activities which are connected to sport : **90% REBATE** in respect of the amount levied as rates on the relevant property but subject to existing agreements between club and Council not determining a different position.

8. **Welfare organisations** - registered in terms of the National Welfare Act, 1978 (Act No. 100 of 1978), **100% REBATE** in respect of the amount levied as rates on the property.

9. **Public benefit organizations/Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's) and Cultural Organisations**- approved in terms of section 30 of the Income Tax Act 58 of 1962, read with Items 1, 2 and 4 of the Ninth Schedule to that Act, **100% REBATE** in respect of the amount levied as rates on the property.

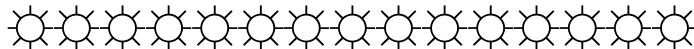
10. **Private schools, Universities, Colleges and Crèches :**

- i. Private (Independent) primary and secondary schools (regardless of whether subsidized or not), registered as educational institutions, **BE REBATED** between **70% and 100 %** in respect of the amount levied as rates on the relevant property, subject to prior application and submission of prior years audited financial statements. Rebate will be adjusted in accordance with percentage ratio between net profit and gross income in the following categories :

Net Profit after tax %			Rebate %
0.00 %	To	10.00%	100%
10.01%	To	20.00%	90%

20.01%	To	30.00%	80%
30.01%	To	40.00%	70%

- ii. Private (Independent) Universities and colleges, registered as educational institutions not subsidized by state, **20% REBATE** in respect of the amount levied as rates on the relevant property.
 - iii. Crèches, registered as educational institutions, **100% REBATE** in respect of the amount levied as rates on the relevant property.
11. **Municipal** – That non-trading services **BE EXEMPTED** from paying of property rates.
12. **Vacant unimproved stands** - That a **75% rebate BE GRANTED** on residential property on which a dwelling unit(s) is/are being constructed and which will be used exclusively for that purpose, subject to the following conditions :
- i. That an approved building plan is supplied;
 - ii. That a residential dwelling unit(s) be constructed on the property;
 - iii. That the 75% rebate be granted for a maximum period of eighteen (18) months from the date the approved building plan was supplied;
 - iv. That the occupation certificate be supplied at the end of the eighteen (18) month period;
 - v. That the failure to supply the occupation certificate will result in a reversal of the 75% rebate already granted; and
 - vi. That in the event that the said property is sold prior to the issue of the occupation certificate, the rebate already granted be reversed.
13. That rebates in respect of items 3 to 12, **BE SUBJECT** to the submission and approval of required application in respect of new applications. Existing approvals remains effective for duration of validity period of general valuation roll or whilst qualifying criteria are met.



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Annexure D4

PROVISION OF FREE BASIC ELECTRICITY POLICY AND PROVISION OF FREE BASIC WATER SUPPLY SERVICES POLICY

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Annexure D4.1

PROVISION OF FREE BASIC ELECTRICITY POLICY

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PROVISION OF FREE BASIC ELECTRICITY POLICY

1. OBJECTIVES OF POLICY

- ▶ To comply with the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa;
- ▶ To comply with the provisions of the Electricity Regulation Act 4 of 2006;
- ▶ To ensure compliance with the Municipal Systems Act No 32, 2000;
- ▶ To comply with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Management Act 56, 2003;
- ▶ To comply with the Electricity Pricing Policy Government Notice 1398 of 2008
- ▶ To comply with the Electricity Basic Services Support Tariff (Free Basic Electricity) Policy Government Notice 1693 Of 2003; and
- ▶ To ensure affordability of basic services to the community.

FBE ALLOCATION IS 100kWh units per month.

The following policy provides guidelines to determine a uniform approach for the allocation of free basic electricity inside the boundaries of the City of Ekurhuleni.

Note: Electricity used for business purposes is excluded from the free basic electricity allocation.

2. ALLOCATION OF FREE BASIC ELECTRICITY

Free basic electricity to CITY OF EKURHULENI customers may be allocated in accordance with the following provisions:

2.1 when provided to residents of COE:

- 2.1.2 residents using electricity for residential purposes within the Ekurhuleni supplied area linked to the inclining block tariff or
- 2.1.3 residents using electricity for residential purposes within the Eskom supplied area inside City of Ekurhuleni demarcated boundaries on the Eskom Home light tariff, and a contract exists whereby Ekurhuleni pays Eskom to supply free basic electricity to these customers.

2.2 when the user entity is a non-profit organization registered in terms of the provisions of the Non-profit Organization Act, 1997 or a Welfare organisations registered in terms of the National Welfare Act (Act No. 100 of 1978), for the following specific purposes:

- 2.2.1. the care of old people;
- 2.2.2 the care of children;
- 2.2.3 the care of the physically or mentally challenged;
- 2.2.4 the care of animals; and
- 2.2.5 providing food to homeless people (soup kitchen or similar).

The procedure for the application for the free basic electricity allocation for the user entity falling within the categories defined in sections 2.2.1 to 2.2.5 will be as described in section 3.

2.3 when the applicant residing in a private residential complex that receives electricity in bulk from Ekurhuleni satisfies the criteria listed below:

- The applicant shall be a pensioner and/or a physically challenged person;
- The applicant uses electricity at a historical average of no more than 850 kWh per month (calculated over a 12-month period; or if occupation took place less than 12 months prior to the date of application calculated from the date of occupation);
- Be in line with the pensioner/indigent customer income criteria as stated in the indigent customer and rebate policies.
- The applicant is the occupant of the dwelling concerned, which dwelling consists of one dwelling only and no part thereof will be sublet.
- Approved indigent customers residing in a private residential complex and is supplied with electricity by a bulk meter.

The procedure for application for the free basic electricity allocation for the user entity falling within the category defined in section 2.3 is described in section 4.

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR NON PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

Application procedures for organizations mentioned in section 2.2

- 3.1 The user entity shall apply for the FBE allocation on the prescribed form to be obtained from the Finance Department.
- 3.2 In the case of the user entity providing accommodation to people defined in section 2.2.1 to 2.2.3 the account holder will confirm the number of residential units and beds by means of a sworn affidavit and the provisions of section 5.1 will apply in terms of the number of beds and individual residential units.
- 3.3 In the case of the user entity caring for animals the kWh billed on the last account of the user entity prior to the application for the FBE allocation being made will be used to calculate the number of FBE allocations that the user entity qualifies for in accordance with section 5.2.
- 3.4 In the case of the user entity providing food to homeless people the kWh billed on the last account of the user entity prior to the application for the FBE allocation being made will be used to calculate the number of FBE allocations that the user entity qualifies for in accordance with section 5.2.

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING ELECTRICITY IN BULK

Application procedure for qualifying individuals/indigent customers residing in a private residential complex that receives electricity in bulk from Ekurhuleni

- 4.1 The applicant shall apply for the FBE allocation on the prescribed form to be obtained from the Finance Department;
- 4.2 A sworn affidavit confirming that the applicant satisfies the relevant criteria as detailed in section 2.3 must accompany the application.
- 4.3 The application must also be accompanied by an affidavit from the Board of Trustees or owner stating that an allocation of free basic electricity, when received on a monthly

basis in the form of a rebate on the bulk account, shall be passed through to the approved applicant, and also indicate that the applicant's electricity consumption per month is below the determined average of 850 kWh units per month, measured over the last 12 months (or lesser time period, if not residing there for 12 months).

- 4.4 Only the FBE allocation portion of the IBT tariff structure shall apply to qualifying applicants/indigent customers residing in private residential complexes.

5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The following general provisions shall be adhered to:

- 5.1 In the case of qualifying organizations where no residential units exist, every four beds or part thereof will be deemed as one residential unit thus qualifying for one FBE allocation. If a qualifying organisation provides both residential units as well as a section comprising of beds; one FBE allocation per residential unit will be applicable plus an FBE allocation per four beds or part thereof in the aforementioned section.
- 5.2 In the case of qualifying organisations as defined in sections 2.2.4 and 2.2.5, an FBE allocation will be allocated as per table below, up to a maximum of 5 FBE allocations, based on the average kWh consumption calculated over a 12-month period or if occupation took place less than 12 months prior to the date of application calculated from the date of occupation of the user entity prior to the application for the FBE allocation being made.

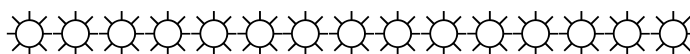
Calculated average kWh consumption or part thereof	Qualifying kWh FBE allocation per month
If between 1 – 1000 kWh	100kWh FBE will be allocated
If between 1001 – 2000 kWh	200kWh FBE will be allocated
If between 2001 – 3000 kWh	300kWh FBE will be allocated
If between 3001 -4000 kWh	400kWh FBE will be allocated
From 4001 kWh upwards	500kWh FBE will be allocated

- 5.3 All applications must be renewed annually.

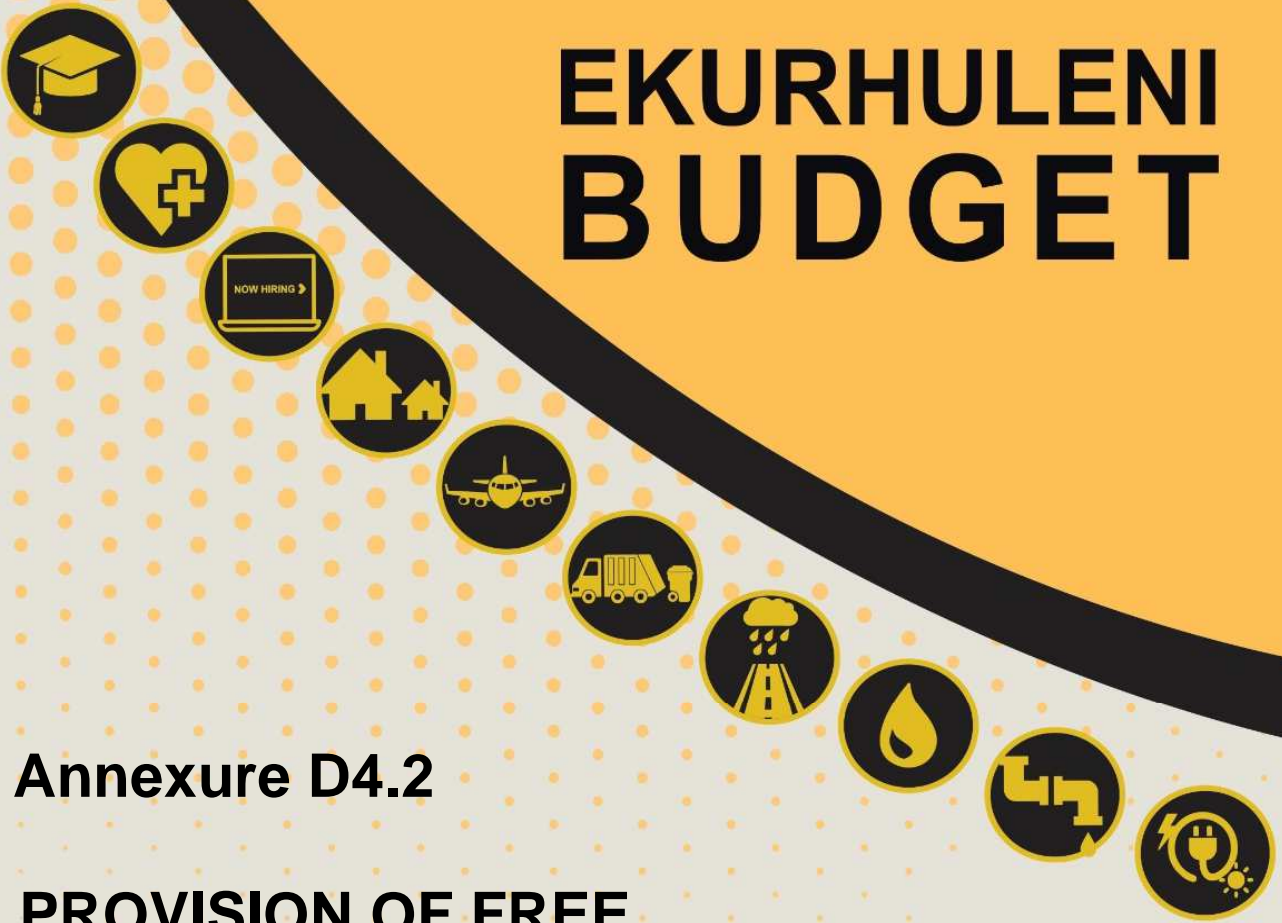
6. DEVIATION FROM THE FREE BASIC ELECTRICITY POLICY

Any deviation from the free basic electricity policy must be approved in writing by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOTE: The reference to “they” in the above sentences is a reference to the department concerned and its personnel
The term “shall” is used throughout this document to indicate those provisions which, are considered to be mandatory.
The term “should” is used to indicate those provisions which, although not mandatory, are provided as a recognized means of meeting the requirements.
The term “may” is used to indicate something which is permitted.
The term “can” is used to indicate a possibility or a capability.



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Annexure D4.2

PROVISION OF FREE BASIC WATER SUPPLY SERVICES POLICY

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PROVISION OF FREE BASIC SERVICES - WATER AND WASTEWATER

1. APPLICATION AND SCOPE

This policy is applicable to households with property values not exceeding R750 000 and approved indigents residing within the City of Ekurhuleni.

The policy will be effective from 1 July 2019.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

The objectives of the policy are -

- To realize everyone's constitutional right of access to sufficient water
- To grant households with property values not exceeding R750 000 an equitable and affordable basic (free) portion of the water and wastewater services
- To support the poor, approved as Indigents in terms of the Council's relevant policy, with a basic (free) portion of the water and wastewater services
- To ensure compliance to the applicable terms of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996, the Local Government Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 and the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations contained in General Notice 393 in Government Gazette 3241 of 17 April 2009.

3. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORKS

3.1 Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996

Section 27 (1) (b) determines –

“Everyone has the right to have access to sufficient food and water”

3.2 Local Government Municipal Systems Act, 32 Of 2000

Section 74 (2) (c) of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act; 32 of 2000 determines:

- (c) *poor households must have access to at least basic services through –*
 - (i) *Tariffs that cover only operating and maintenance cost,*
 - (ii) *Special tariffs or life line tariffs for low levels of use or consumption of services or for basic levels of service: or*
 - (iii) *Any other direct or indirect method of subsidization of tariffs for poor households”*

3.3 New Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations Effective From 1 July 2009: General Notice 393 in the Government Gazette 3241 of 17 April 2009

In terms of the above mentioned General Notice, new Municipal Budget and reporting regulations came into effect as from 1 July 2009. Section 7 of these regulations determines:

“The Municipal Manager of a Municipality must prepare, or take all reasonable steps to ensure the preparations of the budget-related policies of the Municipality, or any necessary amendments to such policies, in accordance with the legislation applicable to those policies for tabling in the Municipal Council by the applicable

4. FREE BASIC SERVICES PRINCIPLES

4.1 The Right of Access to Basic Water and Waste Water (Sanitation):

Everyone has the right to have access to sufficient water and the CoE is committed to promote the realisation of this right. The CoE will therefore provide a basic (free) portion of the water and waste water services to poor households (registered indigent households) and households with property values not exceeding R750 000.

4.2 Consumer Responsibilities

The right to basic water supply and waste water services comes with a corresponding responsibility to use water and waste water services responsibly and with due care. The responsibilities of the consumer are stipulated in the Water Supply and Wastewater By-Laws.

4.3 User Charges (Retail)

Charging for water and waste water services is essential in order to generate sufficient funds for operating, maintaining and investing in water and waste water systems but at the same time recognizing the need for affordability. Sound business principles within a sound subsidy framework are therefore essential. This includes good governance, sound accounting, adequate provision for depreciation, adequate spending on maintenance and replacement of assets, effective and efficient use of resources and income (including subsidies) which covers expenses.

5. APPLICATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Six Kilolitre Free Per Month

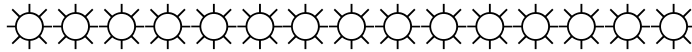
The block tariff adopted by Council for the use of the water and waste services exclusively for household purposes, provides for household with a property value not exceeding R750 000 to receive 6 kilolitre - free water and wastewater services per month. This also includes –

- a) Hostels and old age homes where every 4 beds are deemed to be a residential unit.
- b) Where the City's Human Settlement Department accommodates two or three beneficiaries (families) per stand, each beneficiary (family) is deemed to be a residential unit.
- c) A small business conducted as a primary right in terms of a Town Planning Scheme, or a home enterprise conducted in terms of the relevant Council Policy, from a property used for household purposes and the connection size is either a 15 mm or 20mm connection.
- d) Spaza Shops, defined as an area of a dwelling unit and or associated immovable outbuilding no more than 20m² in extent, used by the occupant of such a dwelling unit for the purposes of selling basic household goods.

Households with property values exceeding R750 000 shall no longer receive 6 kilolitre free water and wastewater services per month.

5.2 Nine Kilolitre Free Per Month

From the 2006/2007 financial year the Council approved the provision of 9 kilolitre free water and wastewater services per month for Registered Indigents qualifying in terms of the Councils approved Indigent Policy. The basic (free) portion of the water and wastewater services is financed by means of the equitable share received from National Government and cross subsidized by means of a Council adopted block tariff. Payment is required for consumption in excess of the basic (free) water and wastewater supply service to ensure sustainability of the services.



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Annexure D5

WASTE MANAGEMENT TARIFF POLICY

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WASTE MANAGEMENT TARIFF POLICY

1. PREAMBLE

The principles of the waste management hierarchy are the base for waste management in South Africa since 2009. However, management of waste in broad sense has not necessarily followed the hierarchical approach. Management of waste through the hierarchical approach is an international model for the prioritization of waste management options. It offers a holistic approach to the management of waste materials, and provides a systematic method for waste management. The hierarchy prioritizes waste avoidance, reduction, re-use, recycling, recovery, treatment and safe disposal as a last resort. The City of Ekurhuleni has made strides in terms of managing waste through the waste management hierarchy although there is still a lot of work to be done especially relating to waste minimization. The lack of council owned disposal site makes a good argument for the hierarchy to minimize the amount of waste disposed. Pilot project for kerbside recycling was initiated in Tembisa through recycling cooperatives who provides additional receptacle for recycling. The increasing volumes and diversity of the waste streams directly affects the complexity of its management that requires effective waste management policies and programmes. The growing unemployment rate has in recent times pushed a number of poor and vulnerable owners into indigence. The City of Ekurhuleni has subsequently adopted a pro-poor approach to service delivery using amongst many monitoring outreach programmes such as “Siyaqhuba” to ensure that Ekurhuleni is kept clean at all times. There is a growing demand for non-income generating services as a result of increasing number of people immigration into Gauteng Province evident by the increasing number of informal settlements. The City received budget cut on the USDG which is mainly used to subsidize the zero rated services. The increasing demand for the zero rated can be attributed to the tough economic environment and the growing population in the informal settlements makes funding for provision of waste management services even more complex and costly.

While waste management services in City of Ekurhuleni are generally of an acceptable standard, the city strives for a continued improvement in four broad areas:

- i. extending access to basic waste management services (to all formal and informal owners);
- ii. efficient and effective supply of services (through service optimization, improved resource management, waste minimization, public awareness and education, reducing expenditure and increasing efficiency);
- iii. managing and improving the quality of services provided (through a performance management system to effect improved service responsiveness, and greater customer care); and
- iv. maintenance of waste management infrastructure to minimize the cost of replacement or development of capital assets and infrastructure.

The policy deals with owner waste management, non- owner waste management services as provided by City of Ekurhuleni or on behalf of City of Ekurhuleni. This policy provides guidance and establishes the principles that informs provision of waste management services in the City of Ekurhuleni.

2. POLICY PRINCIPLES

The following broad principles have been used to inform the development of the policy -

2.1. Access to basic services

Waste Management tariffs must be characterized to respond to the National Outcomes Based Approach as approved by Cabinet. Outcomes 8 for 2014 to 2019 as published as annexures to the Medium Term Strategic Framework are directly linked to the mandate of the Waste Management services. Outcomes 8: seeks to address itself to Sustainable Human Settlements and an improved quality of owner life linked to output 2: aimed at improved access to basic service. In practice the tariffs should be “pro-poor” in their orientation and should seek to ensure that a minimum basic level of service is affordable for all owners, ensuring that all formal and informal owners have access to basic waste management services. The policy must support the viability and sustainability of waste management services to the poor. Formal and informal owners must have access to at least basic services through –

- 2.1.1 a free basic bagged service for informal owners;
- 2.1.2 a basic 240l container or a bagged service for formal owners;
- 2.1.3 tariffs that cover capital costs, operating and maintenance costs; and
- 2.1.4 Any other direct or indirect method of subsidization of tariffs for poor owners.

2.2. Non-Discrimination and Fairness

City of Ekurhuleni is committed to fairness.

The policy should be fair to ensure that it treats all users in similar circumstances in the same way. In other words, it treats waste management service users equitably in the application of tariffs and does not unfairly discriminate between users. Waste management tariffs may, however, differentiate or discriminate between different categories of users, debtors, service providers, services, service standards, **geographical areas** and other matters. Such differentiation or discrimination may not necessarily be in breach of this Policy as long as the differentiation or discrimination does not amount to unfair discrimination.

2.3. Cost reflectivity

Waste management tariffs must include all the costs reasonably associated with rendering the service including capital, operating, maintenance, administration and replacement costs and interest charges. Correct cost allocations should be made that will allow costs to be mapped against the tariffs required so as to reflect those costs and prevent owner users cross subsidizing non-owner users. It should also include the cost for those waste management services provided for or on behalf of City of Ekurhuleni, which cannot be allocated to a specific consumer. This may include area cleaning and *ad hoc* cleaning services.

2.4. Revenue sufficiency

The revenue from all waste management-related tariffs should cover the full cost of service delivery, including operational and maintenance costs, rehabilitation, replacement and extension of the infrastructure, provision for bad debt as well as financing and depreciation charges for capital work not financed through any grant, subsidy or donation. Revenue sufficiency may be defined to include surcharges on the tariff for a service in appropriate circumstances, and contributions to capital development and other funds.

2.5. Sustainability

Waste Management tariffs should be set at levels that facilitate the financial sustainability of the service. Innovative debt management schemes should be implemented to promote payment. Waste management tariffs shall also encourage the economical, efficient and effective use of airspace, the reduction of waste to landfill, the recycling of waste and other appropriate environmental objectives. Adequate provision must also be made for funding the ongoing rehabilitation of waste infrastructure. Tax incentives, rebates and other income streams, such as waste to energy cost recoveries are components that can only be factored in once a full cost accounting model, which takes into account development, social and environmental factors, has been developed to inform future waste management financial decision-making.

2.6. Transparency

The extent of subsidization of tariffs for low-income persons or persons comprising low-income communities; who live in remote, isolated or low density communities who are seniors or other similarly vulnerable users and other categories of users should be fully disclosed. Correct cost allocation should be done in the spirit of transparency.

2.7. Alleviation of poverty

Subsidies (including those within and between user categories) should be disclosed to the extent that this is practical. Correct cost allocations and measurement of historical costs must take place to ensure that the policy of cost recovery is adhered to and that no inappropriate subsidization occurs.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this policy, unless the context otherwise indicates-

Agricultural Land	All property zoned as agricultural on the Valuation Roll and includes small holdings and properties.
Business purposes	All developed properties not used for residential purposes
Business waste	Waste that is generated from premises that are zoned for commercial, retail, wholesale, entertainment or government administration purposes and includes waste generated by informal traders and owner properties where commercial activities are being conducted
"Collection"	M means the act of picking up solid waste materials from homes, businesses, governmental agencies, institutions, or industrial sites.
Container"	M means a disposable or reusable vessel in which waste is placed for the purposes of storing, accumulating, handling, transporting, treating or disposing of that waste and includes bins, bin-liners and skips; with a capacity varying between 85 l, 240l, 600l, 900l, 1100l and 1.75m ³ provided by City of Ekurhuleni for the storage and disposal of waste in areas identified for containerization. This include colour coded for recycling.

Clean Garden Waste	Organic waste is generated from gardening or landscaping activities at owner properties, business or industrial properties, which includes but is limited to grass cutting, leaves and branches, and includes any biodegradable material and includes such waste emanating from owner properties and business properties, but excludes waste products of animal origin, soil and stones
CoE	City of Ekurhuleni
Department	Refers to Environmental Resources and Waste Management
Departmental charges	Refuse removal services rendered to all or other City of Ekurhuleni departments after service delivery needs has been evaluated by waste Management services.
Domestic Waste	Waste excluding hazardous waste that emanates from premises used solely for owner purposes.
“Event”	Means sporting, entertainment, recreational, religious, cultural, exhibition, organizational or similar activities hosted at a venue or along a route or within respective precincts to which the public has access; means waste that originates from an event held within the Council's jurisdiction
Environmental levy	The environmental levy shall be used to defray the cost of the disposal of refuse generated by the use of goods; to defray the cost of operating and maintaining refuse disposal sites; and for the preservation and enhancement of the environment.
Formal Owners	A developed owner property promulgated in terms of town planning legislation.
General Waste	A generic term for waste that, because of its composition and characteristics, does not pose a significant risk to public health or the environment if managed properly, and typically consists of plastics, paper, food and liquids not considered to be infectious or contaminated with hazardous chemicals or radioactivity
Hazardous Waste	Waste that may, by circumstances of generation, production, use, quantity, concentration or inherent physical, chemical or toxicological characteristics, therefore, have a significant adverse effect on the environment, or the health of a person or other living organisms. The analysis must be from a laboratory
Indigent	Is a person that met specific national criteria to qualify to be an indigent and is registered in the City of Ekurhuleni indigent register.

Industrial Waste	Waste that is generated from premises that are zoned solely for industrial purposes and generate waste through manufacturing, industrial or fabricating processes, which includes premises zoned for agricultural land and/or the operation of power stations.
Informal Settlements	Occupation of land that is not formally promulgated into individual stands
Institutions	Community based welfare organizations' and other NGOs as defined in the CoE property rates tariffs policy
Mixed use properties	Tariffs on properties used for multiple purposes will be levied for- (a) Purpose corresponding with the zoning of the property as per valuation roll.
Non-income generating	These services include mini refuse disposal sites/transfer stations; Litter picking in all areas excluding commercial and industrial areas; Rehabilitation of old disposal sites; Removal of illegal dumping and all services provided in the informal settlements.
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NPO	Non-Profit Organization
“Owner”	Means the registered owner, lessee or occupier of premises, or the person in charge or control of any premises or part thereof or any person who obtains a benefit from the premises or who is entitled thereto;
“Private Bin”	means a supplementary receptacle not supplied by Ekurhuleni Metro used by owner/owners to temporarily store waste on the premises.
Rebates	Rebates are only applicable to resident with a stand size of 0-300m ² and the property value of R300 000 and less or those owners registered as indigent. Rebates do not apply to vacant land.
Recycling Containers	240/ wheelie bin with approved colour coded Lids,
“Sub-letting”	means landlord that allow someone to rent all or part of a house or other building.
“Service point”	means a designated property in place where formal receptacle is not issued and a bin in place where receptacles were issued by the municipality where waste is collected on a routine collection basis.
“Routine door-to-door service”	means waste collected by means of routine collection operations.

Schedule Refuse Removal	Scheduled collection of refuse which frequency and quantity is subject to determination by the respective manager of area and/or collection from time to time.
Secondary structure	Owner occupying a structure at the backyard of another formal owner.
Sectional Title properties	All properties registered in terms of the section titles Act, 95 of 1986
Services	The waste management services to be provided by City of Ekurhuleni and as defined in the Waste Management Act.
Special Waste	Includes solid, liquid, sludge waste or waste requiring special handling, e.g. all wastes of hazard rating 3 or 4 of specific food, animal carcasses, approved sanitary waste, rags and grit from sewerage works, incinerator ash, requiring prior approval and laboratory testing.
“Tariff”	Means the user charge for the provision of the Council services, determined and promulgated by the Council in a regulation made under Chapter 7 in terms of section 75 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems
USDG	Urban Sustainable Development Grant
Vacant Land	All undeveloped land, properties without any buildings or structures, that could be used for owner or other purposes.
Zero rated waste	<p>Waste disposed at landfill sites:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General public up to 1 000 kg limited to once a week <i>(NB if same vehicle is carrying a load of more than 1000kg the complete load seizes or is no longer exempt and normal tariffs are applicable)</i> 2. Clean building Rubble (less than 300mm in diameter) 3. Soil, usable as cover material 4. Waste generated and collected from owners qualified and registered as indigent
Waste transportation permit	A license issued by Council for collection and transportation of waste as a business activity. All residents using a light delivery vehicle, sedans, trailers (less 1000kg) delivering household waste do not need to register or obtain permit to use waste public offloading facilities, provided the vehicle does not appear to be used for a trade, business or commercial purpose.

4. SERVICES

City of Ekurhuleni shall, for purposes of this policy, render the following services:

1. Collection.

The collection of building/demolition waste, garden waste/green waste, domestic waste, industrial waste/ business, carcass removal.

2. Public Cleansing

Removal of illegal dumping, littering picking, street sweeping, supply and servicing of relevant containers used for internal waste or events.

3. Waste Disposal.

The disposal of building/demolition waste, clean garden waste, domestic waste, hazardous waste, industrial waste, owner garage waste and recyclable material by City of Ekurhuleni.

4. Waste treatment

- Recycling,
- Reduction
- Municipal programmes and education

5. TARIFF DETERMINATION CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 The costs incurred by City of Ekurhuleni are unique and include the following
- Collection
 - Transportation
 - Storage
 - Disposal and waste minimisation
- 5.2 Provision for bad debts.
- 5.3 General administrative costs and overheads:
- Depreciation and interest on borrowings;
 - Capital and infrastructure replacement reserves;
 - Rehabilitation of landfill sites: and
 - Implementation of waste minimisation initiatives.
- 5.4. Approved land use or zoning

6. WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES COSTING MODEL - BIN SIZE AND FREQUENCY

(a) Costing model

- (i) The costing model for waste management services was based on stand size with respect to the domestic service and derived from the amalgamation of the previous local Councils, wherein tariff structures varied greatly and ranged from a single tariff for all users to tariffs based on the number of rooms per dwelling, or on locality and geographic area.
- (ii) Uniform tariffs for the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality were promulgated as from 2001/2002 financial year which aim to standardize domestic tariff based on bin size amongst others. The city has adopted the 240 litre bin system for implementation throughout the City as a matter of priority to standardize domestic waste removal
- (iii) All areas zoned residential are serviced and billed on a 240l bin system and where static compactors are in use each residential unit linked to the static compactor will be billed on a 240l bin system irrespective.

- (iv) Where Council has distributed bins and account holders failed to collect or made arrangements to collect, an automatic conversion to a 240 litre bin system will be implemented and the account holder will be expected to make own arrangements to collect the bin at nearest depot.
- (v) Waste collection based on container size are flat monthly payments unrelated to the quantity (volume or weight).
- (vi) A determination shall be made per customer to establish appropriate quantity of services required, where subletting is identified appropriate number of 240l bin must be allocated and billed accordingly.

(b) Replacement of 240 litre bin as a result of loss or damage

- (i) Where a wheeled bin is reported as stolen, the owner must approach the nearest Depot to re-apply for a replacement. (*within 24hrs of theft*) with an affidavit made from the police station.
- (ii) Council will assess and make a decision to replace the wheeled bin free of charge provided a police case number and an affidavit is submitted from the resident in which they state the bin has been stolen.
- (iii) The loss of 240l bins caused by the user/clients will be replaced by Council and charged to the user/client at a cost of procuring a bin using Council existing procurement instrument plus 20% (of the cost of procuring a bin) to cover the administration costs. If there is proof that the bin is damaged by council employees during the collection, the replacement will be free.
- (iv) The report of the stolen bin will be recorded and should any further bins be reported as stolen, the Council reserves the right to charge the owner for replacement of the bin.
- (v) The Council reserves the right to make a charge for the replacement of damaged bins where it considers that the damage has occurred through misuse or failure to secure the bins appropriately.
- (vi) Council reserves the right to issue an additional bin in an event where excess waste larger than 240l capacity for the additional billing for the owner account.

(c) The loss/theft and damage to bulk containers

The loss/theft and damage to bulk containers: the cost of the replacement of a bulk container will be cost of procuring, a bin using Council existing procurement instrument plus 20% (of the cost of procuring a bin) to cover for administration costs will be levied to the owner of the business in the case of theft/loss, and in the case of damage of the container the full cost of repairing a bin using council procurement instruments plus 20% of the cost to repair a bin administration fee will be levied.

All Container services tariffs: are based on the size of the container and the frequency of removal as well as tonnages for waste disposal.

Activity	Basis of Tariff calculation
Informal Settlements/indigents	Zero rated (once per week)
Formal Domestic Service	Per 240 l wheelie bin (serviced once per week)
Back yard dwellers in formal owners	Per 240 l bin per unit. Account holder is billed for all bins distributed to backyard dwellers. 15% rebate will be applied to all bins for backyard dwellers.
Flat/Town House Complex Refuse	Per unit at the rate of a 240l bin (X number of collections per week) Council reserves the right to decide whether other types/sizes of bulk containers should be used
Flat/Town House Complex Refuse where static compactors are installed	Per ton with minimum charge depending on whichever is the Highest, NB: Flat/Townhouse complex to apply to use the static compactor service and to be approved by HOD of the

Activity	Basis of Tariff calculation
	department prior to use. Environmental levy payable by each individual unit in the complex
Institutions (NGOs)	<p>1. Orphanages, Children's homes and Old age homes where occupants do not have income and fully rely on grants/ donations will be exempted from payment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual financial statements should be submitted to the Department to assess the financial status of the institution. • Proof of registration as welfare organization and audited financial statements. <p>2. Retirement Facilities/Villages/Other charity organizations registered as non-profit organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 % rebate for properties or units with the value of R300 000 and less and a property size of 0-300m² • Other Retirement facilities with units valued at R300 000 and more, will be provided with the 240l bin service or bulk container service (serviced once per week) and charged a domestic 240-liter bin tariff per unit. • Any other charity organizations will be provided with the 240l bin service or bulk container services (serviced once per week) and charged a domestic 240-liter bin tariff per unit. <p>Institutions (as per the definition) should submit the following documents for the Rebate application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial statements • Registration as an NPO or NGO by the South African Social Development Services Department • Tenants register (from age 60 for female and males from 65 years) • A valid registration certificate from the provincial authority. • Proof of providing welfare services to the elderly <p>Letter of confirmation from a registered social worker or SACSSP.</p>
Business Refuse Removal	<p>5.1 Per container size and number of services per week for those businesses using Council Services</p> <p>5.2 Environmental levy payable by all businesses not using CoE refuse removal services</p>
Litter Picking	Rate per m² of all business and industrial zoned erven with fixed maximum levy per Month
Bulk container service	As per bin size , per removal or lift and per frequency of the service.
Sundry Tariffs	-Per removal -Per replacement for bins
Environmental levy	As per schedule of tariffs
Refuse Disposal Sites	Rand per ton as contained in the tariff schedule
General public and contractors from outside the boundaries of	Rand per ton for general public and Contractors from outside the boundaries of City of Ekurhuleni

Activity	Basis of Tariff calculation
the metro	
Waste Transportation Permit	A fixed operator permit of R1500 per annum

(d) Dumping costs at Mini sites

- (i) All small and medium enterprises involved in transportation and disposal of waste at mini-sites must be registered together with vehicle details used for such business.
- (ii) Residents using these facilities must produce a municipal account less than three months old to gain entry and free use of the facility notwithstanding clause 6(d)(iii).
- (iii) Customers using the mini sites would be charged zero tariff only on condition that they carry waste below 1.3 tonnes equivalent of a light delivery vehicle limited to once a week. If a customer repeats disposal of similar weight more than once a week such customers will attract payment of stipulated tariff in the schedule.

7. CUSTOMER CATEGORIES

City of Ekurhuleni shall distinguish all waste collection services between: customer categories, namely:

7.1 Owner Properties:

- o Indigents
- o Vacant land,
- o Formal domestic owners
- o Informal settlements
- o Flat/townhouse complexes
- o Adhoc bulk container services
- o Backyard dwellers

NB: Additional 240l container service. Any customer may request additional 240-liter bin service and shall be billed for each additional bin acquired. The containers shall at all times remain the property of City of Ekurhuleni.

7.2 Institutions

The institutions recognized through this policy shall include: Orphanages, Children's homes and Old age homes as well as charity organizations registered as non-profit organizations where occupants do not have income and fully rely on grants/ donations may apply for rebates in terms of chapter 11 of this policy.

7.3 Environmental levy

The Environmental levy is used to defray the cost of the disposal of refuse generated by the use of goods. It's also used to defray the cost of operating and maintaining refuse disposal sites and for the preservation and enhancement of the environment. It is applicable to the following:

- Vacant land owner
- Vacant land business
- Each individual unit in a complex that makes use of a static compactor serviced by CoE
- All other properties not making use of CoE refuse removal services

7.4 Special events

Section 6 of the incidental tariffs will be applicable to all special events. This can however only be implemented once a waste management plan, including a request for the service is received from the organizer of the event.

7.5 Sundry services/sundry tariffs

7.6 Business refuse removal:

- CoE departments
- Government departments
- CoE entities
- Other municipalities
- Parastatals
- Litter picking
- Veterinary surgeons –sundry tariffs
- Owner/domestic
- Formal owner
- Schools
- other

7.7 Solid waste disposal.

8. RIGHT TO SERVICES

- (i) For all non-owner properties, City of Ekurhuleni will have the first right of refusal in writing to render waste management services.
- (ii) Where the private service providers are used it is the responsibility of the user to ensure the service comply with the relevant by-law or provincial/national statutes or regulation.
- (iii) The user shall be compelled to submit information types of refuse generated, volumes generated, origin of waste, service provider details and proof of safe disposal to City of Ekurhuleni Waste Management Services on request but not less than quarterly.

9. PROCESS OF APPLYING OR TERMINATING A BUSINESS SERVICE,

It is the responsibility of the client to contact the nearest waste management depot or customer care center in the area of operation for processes to follow when applying or terminating a bulk container service.

10. BILLING

Billing categories will be in accordance with the tariff schedule and Waste Management by laws. The billing of waste management services in high density residential property is per unit and it's the responsibility of the developer and body corporate to make adequate provision for storage of waste receptacles.

10.1 LIABILITY TO PAY FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE

- (i) The owner of premises is liable to pay to the Council the fee prescribed in schedule 5 of the tariffs schedule for the provision of the municipal service in time, and is not entitled to exemption from, or reduction of the amount of such fee by reason of not making use, or of making a partial or limited use, of the municipal service.
- (ii) A prescribed fee becomes due and payable on the due date for payment stipulated in the account.
- (iii) Non-receipt of an account does not relieve the person concerned of the liability to pay a prescribed fee before or on the due date.

- (iv) Save where otherwise provided in the policy, the person to whom any service mentioned in the policy has been rendered by Council or made available by Council shall be liable to the Council for the tariff charge determined by the Council.
- (v) Tariff charges prescribed shall become due and payable on the same date as the general assessment rate levied: Provided that if such tariff charges are increased, any unpaid balance owing to the Council on the total amended charges will be due and payable to the Council on demand.
- (vi) Any person who fails to pay the tariff charge in respect of services rendered or services made available by the Council be guilty of an offence.
- (vii) Should any organization be able to produce a certificate of registration as a nonprofit organization issued by the Department of Social Development, such an organization may apply for exemption from refuse removal levies; it either be:
 - (a) Levied the applicable domestic refuse removal charge as reflected in the tariff schedule;
 - (b) The organization be exempted from paying all refuse removal charges in the case of Orphanages, Children's homes and Old age homes where occupants do not have income and fully rely on grants/ donations will be exempted from payment)
- (viii) In all service provisions, the property owner will be billed and not the tenant, however, in the case where a property management agency is involved and they have power of attorney, they may apply for services on behalf of the owner, although the settlement of the account remains the responsibility of the property owner.
- (ix) All residential properties will be billed for a basic 240l container service or per stand size of 240l container is not yet issued, and per unit per 240l container rate for flats/townhouses, irrespective of whether the service is used or not.
- (x) Billing for residential properties (first container and stand size) is automatic and no service delivery agreement is required. The owner will be billed for the number of containers /units in a high density occupancy property.
- (xi) Customers must alert Council that they are not receiving billing statements at their nearest Customer Care Center.
- (xii) All Departments and Entities shall have their waste management needs assessed by the Environmental Resources and Waste Management Department and when required for provision and payment of the services. All council owned properties will attract departmental charges in line with their waste management service consumption capacity. The charges will be based on the existing tariffs schedule; this will be informed by the need assessment conducted by the department.

11. REBATES AND SUBSIDIES

No rebates or credits will be afforded to missed collection or backlogs. Rebates for owner properties will be based on the following qualifying categories:

Category	Percentage Rebate
<i>Registered Indigents</i>	100%
<i>0-300m² (Properties or units with value of R300 000 and less)</i>	15%

11.1. Institutions

- Orphanages and Old age homes where occupants do not have income and fully rely on grants/ donations will be exempted from payment.
- Annual financial statements should be submitted to Strategic Planning Division to assess the financial status of the institution.

Proof of registration as welfare organization and audited financial statements.

11.2. Retirement Facilities/Villages/Other charity organizations registered as non-profit organizations

- 15 % rebate for properties or units with the value of R300 000 and less and a property size of 0-300m²
- Other Retirement facilities with units valued at R300 000 and more, will be provided with the 240l bin service or bulk container service (serviced once per week) and charged a domestic 240-liter bin tariff per unit.
- Any other charity organisations will be provided with the 240l bin service or bulk container services (serviced once per week) and charged a domestic 240-liter bin tariff per unit.

11.3. Institutions (as per the definition) should submit the following documents for the Rebate application.

- Financial statements
- Registration as an NPO or NGO by the South African Social Development Services Department
- Tenants register (from age 60 for female and males from 65 years)
- Proof of providing welfare services to the elderly
- Letter of confirmation from a registered South African Social Development Services Department.

12. GARDEN REFUSE REMOVAL SERVICE

To be disposed at the transfer stations or landfill sites in line with clause 6d(i), (ii) and (iii).

13. SCHEDULED REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE

Refuse collection is a scheduled service. However, if it is not collected on the scheduled fixed calendar day, it will be collected soon thereafter. At the latest it will be collected on the communicated schedule and any additional bags due to accumulation of additional waste will be accepted. No refunds or credits will be passed as a result of non-collection on the scheduled date. It is the responsibility of customer to report non collection of waste.

14. WASTE DISPOSAL

Disposal of waste at a disposal facility is based on a fixed rate per ton of waste disposed, which will be applied as follows:

- 14.1 Actual ton per weighbridge transactions; or
 - 14.2 Carrying capacity per weighbridge transactions based on
 - 14.3 Fixed body vehicle which will be charged at carrying capacity of the vehicle or
 - 14.4 Promulgated tariff per ton. In case where weighbridges are not functional a fixed tariff will be based on the carrying capacity of the vehicle and estimates based on CoE formulas.
- 14.5 General public shall be allowed free disposal of general waste generated from their owner homes of up to 1200 kg limited to once a week line with clause 6(d) (i),(ii) and (iii) (NB if same vehicle is carrying a load of more than 1200kg the complete load seizes or is no longer exempt and normal tariffs are applicable). **All businesses are not granted free disposal.**
As part of business continuity at the landfill sites landfill contractors shall provide access control Human Resources when requested by the Landfill Sites Management on provisional sums.

15. APPLICATION FOR THE SUPPLY OF SERVICES: WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

In the following instances the completion of an application form by the registered property owner for the supply of services is required –

- 15.1 For new or change in level of service required by non-owner properties;
- 15.2 For the change in the level of service required by owner properties;
- 15.3 In the case of change in ownership of the property, the old service level will be changed to suit the new business owner.

16. ADJUSTMENT TO ACCOUNTS

- 16.1 An official as delegated by Head of Department Environmental Resources and Waste Management shall adjust accounts on documented proof of an amended service level agreement (letter, email, etc.) and the applicable date of change.
- 16.2 If current service level verified by City of Ekurhuleni is different to the financial billing, then the billing will be corrected from date of **first report by client**.
- 16.3 No refunds or credits will be passed as a result of non-collection on the scheduled date. It is the responsibility of customer to report non collection of waste to the department.
- 16.4 During data clean-up exercises City of Ekurhuleni may adjust the account, backdated for the current year plus two preceding financial years, if City of Ekurhuleni has provided a service, and the financial billing is different to the current service level.

17. SPECIAL EVENTS FOR COLLECTION SERVICES

- 17.1. Special Events for Collection Services will be rendered if requested by a registered customer and based on acceptance of a quote provided by City of Ekurhuleni.
- 17.2. The Special Events Collection Services will be rendered, on request and subject to the availability of resources and not exceeding a period of 21 calendar days.

- 17.3. Delivery and retrieval of containers from the bin store may occur during the City of Ekurhuleni's office hours. The prescribed application documents must be fully completed and approved at the Waste Operations Depot 15 working days prior to the date of the service being required. If Containers are lost, stolen or damaged, replacement and/or repairs are to be borne by the applicant
- 17.4. To promote recycling, a two-way recycling system will be implemented by hiring two bins, for recyclable and non- recyclable waste streams.
- 17.5. The cost charged will be per lift per bin as per tariff schedule.

18. SERVICE AT MINI WASTE SITE

The Service at the drop-off facilities is free provided Users adhere to conditions including that:

- 18.1. Waste must be transported by **car, trailer or LDV** with total carrying capacity not exceeding 1.3 tons.
- 18.2. Any repeat disposal that constitute quantities beyond 1.3 tonnes per day would be assessed for applicable tariff payment as from the 1st July 2020.
- 18.3. Only garden refuse is permitted at the mini-waste site

19. FUNDING OF NON-INCOME GENERATING SERVICES

All non-income generating services under waste management services shall be co-funded by equitable share/property rates and the Urban Sustainable Development Grant (USDG). The services covered include street sweeping, litter-picking, clearing of illegal dumping, mini sites and transfer stations part of landfill maintenance, zero rated services.

20. GENERAL

City of Ekurhuleni may supply bags and other consumables for utilization in clean-up campaigns at no cost subject to the availability of funds and at the discretion of the Head of Department: Environmental Resource and Waste Management Services.

21. APPEAL

Should the owner, body corporate or property management agent not be satisfied with the outcome of an adjustment in the tariffs, he/she may appeal (in writing) to the City Manager within 21 days in terms of Section 62 of the Municipal Systems Act.

22. TERMINATIONS

Termination of service is to be done strictly by standard discontinuation form to be supplied by City of Ekurhuleni. Account holders intending to take such action may get the discontinuation form from the nearest customer care centre.

23. DEPARTURES

Departures from the above principles and policy may only be made through Council approval.

24. REGULAR REVIEW PROCESSES

The policy will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that it complies with City of Ekurhuleni's strategic objectives and with legislation.



EKURHULENI BUDGET



Annexure D6

CONSUMER DEPOSIT POLICY

2020-2021

*20 years of a responsive and modern
public service partner that fosters change
towards building a better Ekurhuleni*

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CONSUMER DEPOSIT POLICY OF THE CITY OF EKURHULENI

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is expedient for municipalities to take reasonable steps to ensure that their consumers honour their financial obligations;

AND WHEREAS the requiring of deposits from consumers is a reasonable and recognised method to ensure that municipalities are paid for services rendered by them;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Ekurhuleni has adopted the Consumer Deposit Policy as set out hereunder –

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned by the Act, shall bear that meaning in this policy, unless the context indicates otherwise.

“Act” means the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), as amended from time to time.

“Cash” means acceptable form of payment, bank guaranteed cheque or electronic funds transfer.

“Chief Financial Officer” means the person appointed by the municipality as Group Chief Financial Officer of the City of Ekurhuleni in terms of section 56 of the Local Government : Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000).

“Consumer” means any occupier of any premises to which the municipality has agreed to supply or is actually supplying municipal services, or if there is no occupier, the owner of the premises and or recipient and or consumer of various services rendered by the municipality. A customer will therefore be deemed a customer by virtue of receiving, consuming and or utilising any facility, equipment, service rendered by the municipality and or a municipal entity or an agent as appointed by the municipality.

“Council” means:

- (a) the “Municipality” and vice versa;
- (b) the Council of the City of Ekurhuleni established by Provincial Notice No 6768, as amended, exercising its legislative and executive authority through the municipality;
- (c) its successor in title;
- (d) a structure or person exercising a delegated power or carrying out an instruction, where any power in these by-laws has been delegated or sub-delegated, or an instruction given, as contemplated in section 59 of the Act; or

- (e) a service provider fulfilling a responsibility under these by-laws, assigned to it in terms of section 81(2) of the act, or any other by-law, as the case may be.

“Customer” means “Consumer”.

“City Manager” means the person appointed by the Council as the City Manager of the City of Ekurhuleni in terms of section 82 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act 117 of 1998), and includes any person -

- (a) acting in such position; and
- (b) to whom the City Manager has delegated a power, function or duty.

“Deposit” means a monetary amount raised by the Council in relation to the consumption of a municipal service and mitigation of credit risk to the Municipality, irrespective of the existence of an agreement.

“Municipality” means the “council” and vice versa.

“Policy” means the Deposit Policy adopted by Council.

“Services Agreement” means an agreement entered into between Council and Customer in terms of “Customer Agreement Policy” for the supply of metered services.

1. OBJECTIVE OF POLICY

The objective of this policy is to provide a policy framework for the circumstance under which deposits must be paid, the determination of the amount of deposits that must be paid and the refund or forfeiture of deposits.

2. CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH DEPOSITS MUST BE PAID

- 2.1 In terms of paragraph 3 of the Consumer Agreement Policy, every application for municipal service has to be accompanied by a deposit, the amount of which is determined by Council, from time to time.
- 2.2 Consumer deposit is payable in respect of the following metered services:
 - 2.2.1 Electricity services.
 - 2.2.2 Water services.
 - 2.2.3 Any other services determined by Council from time to time.
- 2.3 Approved and Deemed indigents – No deposit will be required in respect of indigents approved in terms of Council's Indigent Support Policy.
- 2.4 The payment of a consumer deposit is due and payable at –
 - 2.4.1 The time of application for municipal services,
 - 2.4.2 Date of transfer of property ownership in Central Deeds Office records,
 - 2.4.3 Any other time deemed necessary by Council

3. DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNT OF A DEPOSIT

- 3.1 The amount of a deposit in respect of **new service agreements** will be determined based on the type of service, size of supply and customer category.
- 3.2 In addition to 3.1, deposit amounts may be differentiated based on proclaimed township as determined by Council from time to time.
- 3.3 Deposit amount to be determined and approved by Council from time to time.
- 3.4 Date of service agreement application will determine applicable deposit amount payable.
- 3.5 Approved categories of customers may in lieu of a part or full deposit requirement submit a bank guarantee as determined by the Council from time to time.
- 3.6 If a bank guarantee, is offered instead of payment in cash, the following will apply:
 - 3.6.1 A bank guarantee of 100% of the amount due in respect of the deposit may be tendered in respect of customers linked to the following electricity tariff categories –
 - **Tariff B Residential Resellers:** Above 3 x 150 Ampere connections
 - **Tariff C :** Bulk supplies at any voltage and with a capacity of at least 25 kVA (minimum monthly NAC of 25 kVA)
 - **Tariff D :** Bulk supplies at any voltage and with a capacity of at least 1 MVA and a network access charge of at least 1 MVA over the previous 12 months
 - **Tariff E :** Bulk supplies at any voltage and with a capacity of > 25kVA and a NAC of < 1 MVA.
 - 3.6.2 A bank guarantee of 100% of the amount due in respect of the deposit may be tendered in respect of customers linked to the following water connection type categories –
 - 80 mm
 - 100 mm
 - 150 mm
 - 3.6.3 The bank guarantee tendered to be irrevocable until all dues in terms of the property has been settled.

4. ADJUSTMENT OF DEPOSIT HELD

- 4.1 When the size of the supply on which the deposit is based is either enlarged or reduced, the deposit amount in respect of existing service agreements may be amended to current prescribed deposit amount.
- 4.2 The amount required as deposit in respect of existing service agreements may from time to time be reviewed and **where no deposit is held**, the deposit may be determined as follows :
 - 4.2.1 Where no deposit has been raised for **maximum period of three (3) years** from date of service –
 - 4.2.1.1 Adjust to deposit applicable on date of service.
 - 4.2.2 Where no deposit has been raised for period in **excess of three (3) years** from date of service –

- 4.2.2.1 Deposit may and will only be raised with the execution of services disconnection in terms of approved Credit Control Policy.
- 4.2.2.2 Deposit calculated based on average monthly consumption in respect of previous three (3) months or current approved deposit amount in terms of applicable service tariff schedule, whichever is the smallest.
- 4.3 The amount required as deposit in respect of existing service agreements may from time to time be reviewed and where a **deposit is held**, the amount of the deposit may be increased to prescribed deposit or two times the current deposit held, whichever is the smallest.
- 4.4 When an account is in **arrears for more than 90 days**, the deposit held in respect of existing service agreements may be adjusted to such higher amounts as determined by Council from time to time but not exceeding two times the monthly average consumption in respect of previous three months.
- 4.5 In the event of **interference** with the functioning of a metering installation, or as a result of unauthorised connections or as a result of unauthorised reconnections the deposit amount may be raised to two times average monthly consumption in respect of previous three months or double prescribed deposit amount, whichever is the greatest.
- 4.6 Existing municipal customers may be required by the City Manager to enter into new service agreements and to pay the increased deposit determined by the Council.
- 4.7 Customers in respect of 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, may apply in writing for reduced deposit amount if monthly average consumption in respect of previous three (3) months is less than 75% (seventy five) of prescribed deposit amount.

5. FAILURE TO EFFECT PAYMENT OF DEPOSIT

If a consumer of services fails or refuses to comply with a request to make a deposit, any municipal service to such customer may be terminated until the Chief Financial Officer certifies that the services agreement has been entered into and the deposit is paid in full.

Deposit raised when entering into services agreement is to be paid in full prior to services being rendered.

Debt repayment arrangement in terms of approved Credit Control Policy may be entered into in respect of –

- Paragraph 4.1 – Change due to size of supply
- Paragraph 4.2 - No deposit held
- Paragraph 4.3 – Deposit adjustment

6. REFUND OR FORFEITURE OF DEPOSIT

- 6.1 Deposit made by a customer is refundable, free of interest, on termination of the supply of services, provided that all outstanding amounts have been settled in terms of the property.
- 6.2 Customer may be required to submit receipt of deposit payment in order to satisfy the Council that customer is entitled to refund.

- 6.3 Deposit shall be forfeited to the Council if not claimed in writing by the customer within 12 months of the termination of all services.
- 6.4 The customer must notify the office of the Chief Financial Officer of any change of address in order to facilitate the refund of the deposit.

7. APPROPRIATION OF DEPOSIT

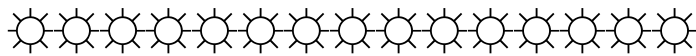
If a customer is in default with any payment to the municipality in respect of any service, the amount of the deposit may be allocated as payment against any outstanding municipal account of that person. Customer to be informed in writing if deposit is appropriated and will further result in adjusted deposit being raised in terms of policy.

Deposit held in respect of approved and deemed Indigents in terms of Indigent Support policy will be appropriated to account on date of indigent approval.

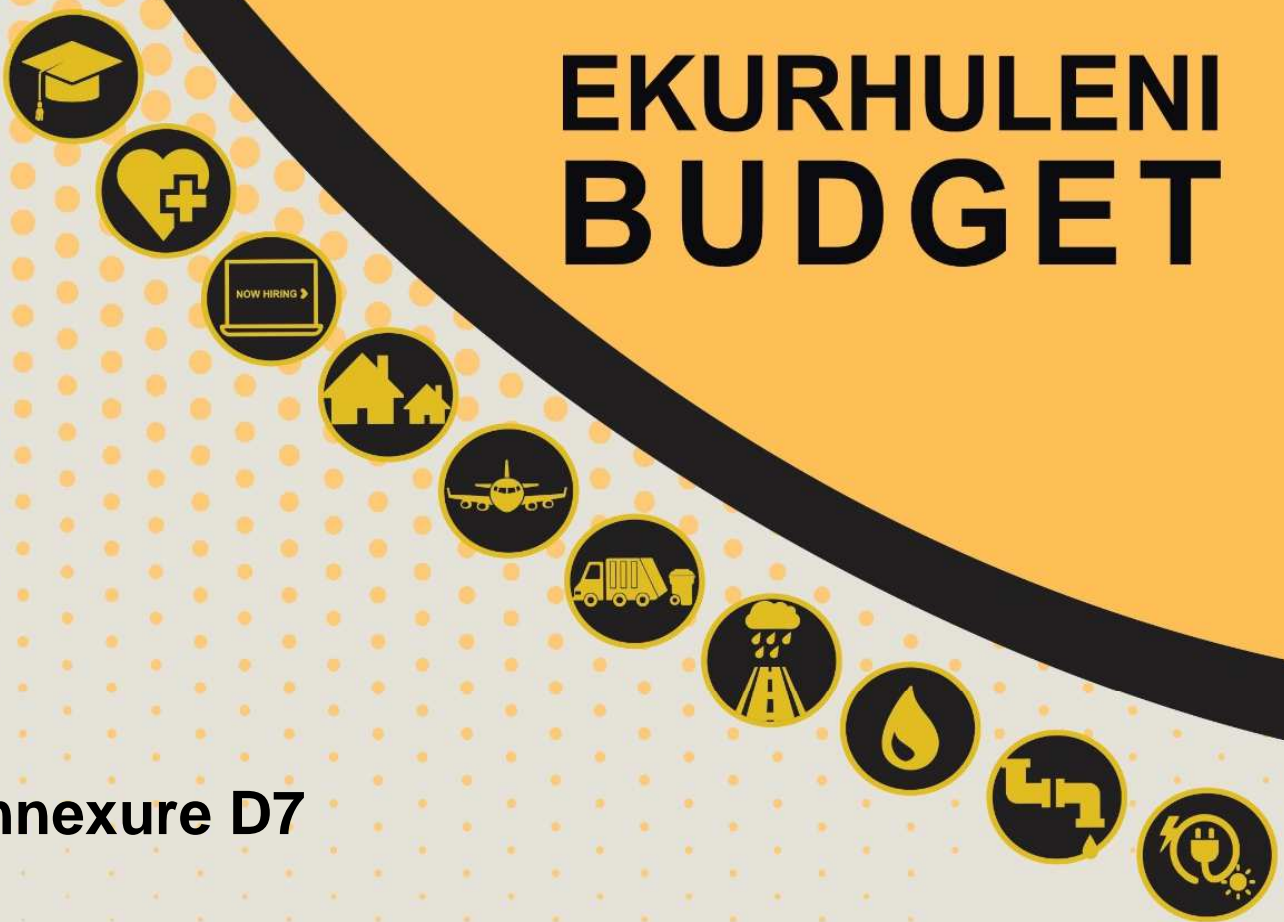
Deposit in respect of approved and deemed Indigents appropriated in terms of this policy, will be re-instated in the event of indigent deregistration.

8. SHORT TITLE

This policy shall be called the Consumer Deposit Policy of the City of Ekurhuleni.



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INDIGENT SUPPORT POLICY

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INDIGENT SUPPORT POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

The Indigent Support Policy is a legal imperative, a tool designed to ensure that persons and households classified as indigent have access to basic services as defined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act No 108 of 1996. The policy is a result of continuous prevalence of indigence and poverty within communities. This policy therefore is a tool of intervention to alleviate the plight and to encourage indigent households to live within affordable consumption levels. The Indigent Support Policy is aimed at ensuring that the State fulfil its constitutional obligation contained in the Bill of Rights. This policy must be read in conjunction with the Credit Control Policy and applicable legislative frameworks.

2. PREAMBLE

WHEREAS Section 74 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 2000 (Act No 32 of 2000), requires that the Council should, in formulating a Tariff Policy for the municipality, at least take into consideration the extent of subsidisation of tariffs for poor households.

WHEREAS Council needs to have an approved Indigent Support Policy.

WHEREAS such policy must provide procedures and guidelines for the subsidisation of basic services and tariff charges to its indigent households.

WHEREAS the Council has committed itself to render a basic level of services necessary to ensure an acceptable and reasonable quality of life which takes into account health and environmental considerations.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Ekurhuleni has adopted the **Indigent Support Policy** set out hereunder: -

3. PURPOSE

- ▶ To ensure and maintain access to basic services and/or benefits for all identified and deserving poor households including emergency services rendered by the City of Ekurhuleni.
- ▶ To improve monitoring systems, provide support and to strengthen capacity of the City of Ekurhuleni to implement the policy.
- ▶ To ensure that subsidisation for indigent support is funded and allocated as per policy directives to the qualifying households.
- ▶ To effectively manage co-ordination between internal departments with regard to the policy implementation.
- ▶ To ensure the implementation of an exit strategy to support the increased mobility of the poor from the indigent register
- ▶ To ensure that the City of Ekurhuleni remains financially sustainable while meeting the needs of the indigents.

- To ascertain appropriate targeting options for the defined indigent households so as to ensure inclusiveness in the approach and application of the policy in an equitable manner.

4. OBJECTIVE OF POLICY

The objective of the Indigent Support Policy is to ensure:-

- (a) the provision of basic services to indigent households in communities falling under the jurisdiction of the City of Ekurhuleni in a sustainable manner, within the financial and administrative capacity of the City of Ekurhuleni.
- (b) the establishment of procedures and guidelines for the effective of subsidisation of basic service charges to such approved indigent households, within budgetary and Intergovernmental grant guidelines.

5. PRINCIPLES OF THE POLICY

Section 74 (2) (c) of the Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000 stipulates inter alia the following:-

“poor households must have access to at least basic services through:

- (i) tariffs that cover only operating and maintenance costs;*
- (ii) special tariffs or life line tariffs for low levels of use or consumption of services for basic levels of service; or*
- (iii) any other direct or indirect method of subsidisation of tariffs for poor households;”*

The following are the guiding principles for the formulation of an Indigent Support Policy:

- (a) the Indigent Support Policy must be formulated in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, (Act No 108 of 1996 and other applicable legislation, amongst others, the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000) which provides that everybody has a right to administrative justice that is lawful, reasonable and procedurally fair.
- (b) relief must be provided by the City of Ekurhuleni to registered residential consumers of services who are indigent.
- (c) Council must, wherever possible, ensure that any relief is in accordance with the Constitution and is cost effective, sustainable, practical, fair, equitable and justifiable.
- (d) the subsidising of minimum service levels should not result in the creation of a massive bureaucratic administration that would not be cost effective to implement.
- (e) differentiation must be made between those households who cannot afford to pay for basic services and those who do not want to pay for these services.
- (f) other municipal services in addition to free basic services should, where possible, be affordable and beneficial to the indigents.
- (g) the relief should be valid for a maximum period of 36 months.
- (h) the Council may review and amend the qualification criteria for indigent support.

- (i) the joint gross income of all the household occupants will be taken into account in determining the validity of indigent support application.
- (k) the indigent data-base shall be updated regularly.
- (l) misuse of any support or grant or supply of invalid information will lead to punitive action by City of Ekurhuleni against indigent support beneficiaries.
- (m) the City of Ekurhuleni reserve the right to verify new applications and existing approved indigents against any relevant external data source.
- (n) the Council must/may use external services and/or references to verify the information provided by the applicants.

6. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, shall bear the same meaning in this policy, and unless the context indicates otherwise:—

“Authorised Officer”	:	means any official of the Council who has been authorised by the Council to administer, implement and enforce the provisions of this policy.
“By-law”	:	means a by-law adopted by the Council.
“Basic Services”	:	means the supply of the following basic services within the budgetary and legislative guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Energy supply ▶ Water supply ▶ Sanitation services ▶ Refuse removal service
“Calendar days”	:	means all days in the month inclusive of Saturdays and Sundays.
“Child Headed Households”	:	Is deemed to be a household that is headed by a minor dependant or child under the age of 18 years who has assumed the role of care-giver in respect of the children in the household and is also responsible for management of such households, due to the parent/s guardian or care-giver of the household who was the registered owner/ account holder/ legal tenant of the property who is terminally ill, deceased or abandoned the children in that household.
“City Manager”	:	means the person appointed by the Council as the City Manager of the City of Ekurhuleni in terms of section 82 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act 117 of 1998), and includes any person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) acting in such position, and (b) to whom the City Manager has delegated a power, function or duty.
“Council”	:	Means -

- (a) the “Municipality” and vice versa;
- (b) the Council of the City of Ekurhuleni established by Provincial Notice No. 6768, as amended, exercising its legislative and executive authority through the municipality;
- (c) its successor in title;
- (d) a structure or person exercising a delegated power or carrying out an instruction, where any power in these by-laws has been delegated or sub-delegated, or an instruction given, as contemplated in section 59 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No 32 of 2000); or
- (e) a service provider fulfilling a responsibility under these by-laws, assigned to it in terms of section 81(2) of the Act, or any other by-law, as the case may be.

“Deemed Indigent Household”	:	means individuals who live together in a single residential property and qualifies for indigent relief based on the use and value of property as determined in terms of general valuation roll.
“Dependant”	:	means a person under the age of 18 years who is financially dependent and resides permanently with the owner and/or tenant of property in a single residential property within the area of jurisdiction of City of Ekurhuleni.
“Essential household services package”	:	means provision of water supply, sanitation, refuse removal, supply of basic energy.
“Household Income”	:	means any form of remuneration and/ or income as defined in the Sixth Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 58 of 1962 but excluding State Children Support grants.
“illegal connection”	:	a connection to any system through which municipal services are provided, which is not authorised or approved by the Municipality or its authorised agent.
“Indigent Household”	:	means individuals who live together in a single residential property and collectively qualifies for indigent relief in terms of this policy.
“Indigent Person”	:	means a poor needy person lacking the basic necessities of life such as insufficient water, basic sanitation, refuse removal, health care, housing, environmental health, supply of basic energy, food,

		clothing and has a lower income threshold as defined in this policy.
“Municipality”	:	means the “Council” as defined above.
“Occupants”	:	means the owner and/or legal tenant of property and all individuals who live together in a single residential property.
“Pensioner”	:	means a person whom - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) is at least than 60 years of age on date of application, provided that where couples are married in community of property and the property is registered in both their names , the age of the eldest will be the qualifying factor; (ii) is the registered owner of the property or registered as “Life right use” tenant in deeds office; (iii) is the owner/occupant and account holder of the property concerned, which will consist of one dwelling only and no part thereof will be sub-leased; (iv) must reside permanently on the property concerned which consists of one dwelling only; and (v) a person who is a mentally and/or physically disabled person complying with the requirements in (i) to (iv) above.
“Registration method”	:	means registration process applied by Council in the indigent application process.
“Resident”	:	means a person residing within the area of jurisdiction of City of Ekurhuleni and consume services as provided by the Council.
“Services”	:	means the “basic services” as defined above.
“Social service package”	:	means higher levels of household services and access to public services such as roads, public transport, community services and emergency services as provided by Council.
“Working Days”	:	means Monday to Friday excluding public holidays.
“Youth Headed household”	:	Is deemed to be a household that is headed by a youth above the age of 18 years to 35 years, who has assumed the role of care-giver in respect of the children in the household and is responsible for management of such households, due to the parent/s guardian or care-giver of the household who was the registered owner/ account holder/ legal tenant of the property who is terminally ill, deceased or abandoned the children in that household.

7. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK AND GUIDELINES

- ▶ Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act No 108 of 1996.
- ▶ Local Government Municipal Systems Act, Act No 32 of 2000.

Guidelines

- (a) Framework for Municipal Indigent Policies: Towards a basket of services for the poor dated May 2007.
- (b) Free Basic Strategy and guidelines prepared by the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry.
- (c) Electricity Basic Support Tariff (free basic electricity) Policy prepared by the Department of Minerals and Energy.

8. SCOPE OF POLICY APPLICATION

The Indigent Support Policy shall be applicable within the area of jurisdiction of the City of Ekurhuleni.

The Indigent Support Programme must be accessible to all qualifying indigent persons.

9. CRITERIA FOR QUALIFICATION FOR INDIGENT SUPPORT

9.1 REGISTERED HOUSEHOLD

9.1.1 INDIGENT HOUSEHOLD

Indigent relief will be granted to an approved household where the -

- (a) combined household income of all occupants / residents and/or dependents residing on the property and are over the age of 18 years of age, is less than two (2) monthly minimum wage determination based on Area "A" Domestic worker who work more than 27 ordinary hour per week, as amended by Minister of Labour from time to time;
- (b) account in respect of Basic Services and/or Assessment rates is held with Council in the name of the applicant;
- (c) applicant is a South African citizen or in possession of permanent residence certificate;
- (d) the property is used for residential purposes only; and
- (e) municipal value of property does not exceed maximum value as determined by Council's assessment rates tariff policy.

9.1.2 CHILD-HEADED HOUSEHOLD

Child-headed households will be treated as special cases subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the normal qualifying criteria for indigent support in respect of remaining members of household is complied with;
- (b) the account of the deceased parents is closed;
- (c) the oldest child signs the user agreement assisted by appointed legal guardian in possession of "Letter of authority" issued by local magistrate court. Letter of authority will only be accepted during period of winding up of estate, not to exceed period of 24 months from date of issue unless proof of address can be submitted.
- (d) property is not occupied by any member other than minor dependent children of deceased owner and or tenant;
- (e) the status of the household is reviewed in terms of this policy at least on 36 monthly bases.

9.1.3 EXCLUSIONS – REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS

Indigent relief will NOT be granted where the applicant, household, occupants/ residents and/or dependants residing on the property, as the case may be, -

- (a) receive significant benefits or regular monetary income that is above the indigent qualification threshold;
- (b) where the applicant is not the registered consumer of services in the records of Council;
- (c) where the applicant own/s more than one (1) property, registered individually or jointly within area of jurisdiction of Council;
- (d) where the applicant rent/s or subleases his property or part thereof to any third party during the duration of the grant period; or
- (e) applicant tampers or illegally connects or reconnects services prior to this application, until such time as the total costs, penalties, other fees, illegal consumption and any applicable tariffs and rates due to the Council have been paid in full.
- (f) business activities are being conducted on property.

9.2 DEEMED INDIGENT HOUSEHOLD

Households within the following categories of properties will be deemed to be indigent households, if - :

- a) the property is used for residential purposes only as reflected in General Valuation roll;
- b) residential exclusion as per Property Rates Act 2004 (Act No 6 of 2004) is applicable to property;
- c) municipal value of property does not exceed maximum value R150 000.

Households within City of Ekurhuleni listed Un-proclaimed Townships will be deemed to be indigent households, if:

- d) Property identified as Un-proclaimed Township not registered in Deeds Office.
- e) Proclaimed property is registered in name of City of Ekurhuleni and included in general valuation roll.
- f) Provisional value of individual developed residential property, as determined by City of Ekurhuleni municipal valuer, will not exceed maximum value of R 250 000 on date of valuation.
- g) Account in respect of Basic Services is held with Council in the name of the household;

9.2.1 EXCLUSIONS – DEEMED INDIGENT HOUSEHOLDS

Indigent relief will be withdrawn where upon verification the deemed indigent household, including occupants/residents and/or dependants residing on the property, as the case may be, -

- (a) receive significant benefits or regular monetary income that is above the indigent qualification threshold;
- (b) owner of property owns more than one (1) property, registered individually or jointly.
- (c) owner of property rent or sublease his property or part thereof to any third party.
- (d) deemed indigent household tampers or illegally connects or reconnects services.
- (e) business activities are being conducted on property.
- (f) properties registered in name of National, Provincial or Local Government
- (g) owner of property applies to be excluded from deemed indigent relief.

9.3 INDIGENT

Indigent relief in respect of other services provided by Council, *excluding household free basic services and assessment rates grants*, will be granted to approved **indigent person** where:-

- (a) applicant is a South African citizen or in possession of permanent residence certificate;
- (b) applicant is over the age of 18 years of age but includes financially dependent minors of applicant;
- (c) household income is less than two (2) monthly minimum wage determination based on Area "A" Domestic worker who work more than 27 ordinary hours per week, as amended by Minister of Labour from time to time;

10. EXTENT OF INDIGENT SUPPORT

10.1 REGISTERED INDIGENT HOUSEHOLD / PERSON

- (a) Indigent support will be given on a monthly basis, and the extent of the monthly support will be determined by the national policy guidelines and the Council's budgetary provisions in respect of:
 - (i) free basic water;
 - (ii) free refuse collection;
 - (iii) free basic electricity or energy (depending on which service level is applicable);
 - (iv) free basic sanitation; and
 - (v) assessment rates in respect of residential property registered in name of qualifying indigent owner subject to the maximum amount as determined by Council from time to time.
- (b) the level of indigent support granted shall not exceed the actual monthly billing to the account in respect of the services referred to in the preceding paragraph.
- (c) the relief will be subject to national policy guidelines and the Council's budgetary provisions.
- (d) the recipient's monthly account will be credited with the amount of indigent relief granted in terms of this policy.
- (e) a household may apply for the continuation of relief on expiry of relief period as specified in Section 11 below - subject to compliance with policy qualification criteria.
- (f) the Council may determine special tariffs and/ or grant rebates in respect of the following social services subject to the availability of funds and compliance with qualifying criteria in terms of this policy:
 - (i.) Sports grounds, pools;
 - (ii.) Fire Protection
 - (iii.) Transport
 - (iv.) Market;
 - (v.) Museums;
 - (vi.) Mayor's Relief Fund;
 - (vii.) Hiring of halls;
 - (viii.) Cemeteries and crematoria;
 - (ix.) Damage to property as a result of natural disaster;
 - (x.) Any other services as determined by Council; and
 - (xi.) Emergency and ambulance services.
 - (xii.) Grass and tree cutting within property in respect of registered disabled and frail pensioners.
 - (xiii.) Rodent and pest control within property in respect of registered disabled and
 - (xiv.) Indigent Burial

10.2 DEEMED INDIGENT HOUSEHOLD

- (a) Indigent support will be given on a monthly basis, and the extent of the monthly support will be determined by the national policy guidelines and the Council's budgetary provisions in respect of:
 - (i) free basic water;
 - (ii) free refuse collection;
 - (iii) free basic electricity or energy (depending on which service level is applicable);
 - (iv) free basic sanitation; and
 - (v) assessment rates.
- (b) the level of indigent support granted shall not exceed the actual monthly billing to the account in respect of the services referred to in the preceding paragraph.
- (c) the relief will be subject to national policy guidelines and the Council's budgetary provisions.
- (d) the recipient's monthly account will be credited with the amount of indigent relief granted in terms of this policy.
- (e) in terms of resolution 4 of the Item A-F (24-2006) (Writing off of Outstanding debts in respect of Indigent Accounts) dated 29 June 2006, the accumulated debt in respect of **deemed indigents** be written off administratively on monthly basis as from date of qualification in terms of this policy.

11. PERIOD OF RELIEF

Application based Indigent relief is granted for a reviewable period of 36 months which is determined by Council from time to time.

Deemed indigent household relief is granted based on value of property.

12. ADMINISTRATION OF INDIGENT SUPPORT

The applying citizen must present his/her Identity Document at the point of application for which the following steps will occur:-

- (a) if registered owner or tenant of property, property details to be supplied with copy of monthly account statement and / or prepaid meter token along with SAPS certificate affidavit of names and identity number of individual residing on property.
- (b) after the application form has been completed, an effective and efficient evaluation system must be used in order to verify the information furnished by the applicant and to reach a decision within 21 days after the date on which the application was lodged.
- (c) if a household is found to be indigent, his/her personal particulars must be registered on a database linked to the debtors system with immediate effect.
- (d) the onus is on the recipient of relief in terms of this policy to inform the Council of any change in his/her status or personal household circumstances.
- (e) the declaration of residence in a household will be captured as an appended record to the relevant Identity Document number, and that will be the only

property for which the individual bearing that Identity Document number can claim subsidy. In the case of there being any dispute as to the residence of a given individual, that individual's declaration IN PERSON at his or her indigent/finance office will take precedence over any declaration made by another individual that the person in question resides in their household.

- (f) all indigents should be re-evaluated after 36 months from the date on which relief was authorized in order to assess the need for the continuation of relief in terms of this policy. The Health and Social Development Department must complete the re-verification prior to the expiry of the 36 months approved status period. In the event where the socio-economic status of the household is improved beyond the indigent threshold the applicant has a responsibility to apply for cancellation of the indigent status as prescribed.
- (g) Relief will be stopped with immediate effect if it is found that an approved indigent has supplied information known to have been untrue in order to obtain relief. It will further be stopped if it is discovered that an approved indigent failed to inform City of Ekurhuleni of changes in his/her/their financial circumstances which would disqualify them from receiving assistance in terms of this policy. Providing misleading information constitutes fraud and City of Ekurhuleni may claim any financial benefits that have been granted, from the indigent. In addition to having to repay the financial benefits, the indigent who has received the benefits will be guilty of committing an act of fraud which is a criminal offence and criminal charges may be brought against such person/s.

13. CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF INDIGENT SUPPORT

- (a) any resident of the municipality who is aware of malpractice may lodge an objection for review by the Indigent Appeals Committee for granting such relief to such a person.
- (b) the details of all applicants and their respective households must be submitted to the Council on a quarterly basis.
- (c) Any person and or household registered as indigent may not sell and or change ownership of the property within period of 36 months from the date of approval of the indigent relief.

14. CORRECTIVE STEPS

If the extent of the indigent support as per Section 10 above is exceeded the following may be implemented:

- (a) Installation of a **Pre-paid Electrical Meter**.
- (b) Installation of a **Water Demand Meter**.

15. ACTION AGAINST MALPRACTICES TO MISREPRESENTATION OR MISUSE

Customers found to have misrepresented themselves in order to benefit from any of the Councils relief and / or benefit in terms of this policy, will be deemed to have committed an offence and remedial measures will be taken in a manner as determined by the Council from time to time, and all relief and / or benefits that have been received will be reversed to account of customer from date of offence.

- (a) the Council may refer any misrepresentation to the committee, who must take such action as ordered by the Council, or any of the following steps deemed appropriate by the committee:
 - (i) request the resident to provide full proof of his/her banking account, receipt of income details as well as pension registration where applicable.
 - (ii) the details of the objector shall remain anonymous.
 - (iii) request a social worker's report on the household, and
 - (iv) institute criminal proceedings against the recipient.
- (b) if it is established that incorrect information was furnished in obtaining relief any of the following actions may be taken:-
 - (i) suspend or stop the relief immediately.
 - (ii) recover from the recipient the amount of relief furnished by debiting his/her account.
 - (iii) apply the credit control and debt collection procedures of the municipality.
 - (iv) institute criminal proceedings against the recipient.
- (c) In the event that property is sold within period as prescribed in section 13(c) above, all accumulated debt written off on date of application will be reversed to current account. Rebates granted during approved indigent period until date of transfer will remain.

Customers found to have tampered, or illegally connects or reconnects services, will be deemed to have committed an offence and remedial measures will be taken in a manner as determined by the Council from time to time, and all relief and/or benefits that have been received will be reversed to account of customer from date of offence and relief suspended or stopped immediately.

16. EXITING THE PROGRAMME

Upon the expiry of the 36 months period as contained in above the debtor may apply to be de-registered. The application for de-registration will be administrated by the Health and Social Development Department who will advise Finance accordingly where after the affected departments will be requested to restore the full services at the property.

All approved applicants will be captured in the indigent data base, from which all skills development and job creation programmes developed by the City of Ekurhuleni will draw their intake from. Any department developing a measure or programme designed to target the poor will use this database as the source of their programme participants. This is designed to systematically assure that households qualifying for indigence are subject to the full range of interventions delivered through (or in

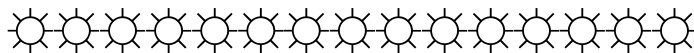
collaboration with) the City of Ekurhuleni, in accordance with the Growth and Development Strategy Pillars, one of which is poverty alleviation.

17. RIGHT TO APPEAL

- (a) An applicant who is the registered household owner living within the municipal jurisdiction and therefore feels aggrieved by a decision taken in respect of his/her application may lodge an appeal in terms of section 62 of the Municipal Systems, Act 32 of 2000.
- (b) The City Manager shall appoint an Indigent Appeal Committee that will consider all appeals.
- (c) The City Manager will appoint the chairperson of the Indigent Appeal Committee to be a person vested in Law in the City's employ.
- (d) The Indigent Appeal Committee will have to review, preside and or hear all lodged appeals within 30 working days, unless substantive facts have been provided contrary to this stipulation.
- (e) The Appeal's committee shall consist of the following departments Health and Social Development, Finance and Corporate and Legal Services.
- (f) All Appeals shall be lodged in a form prescribed by the Health and Social Development department and state the nature and reasons for appeal.
- (g) Until reviewed by Indigent Appeals Committee, indigent application will remain pending and credit control actions will be suspended until appeal has been evaluated by Indigent Appeals committee

18. SHORT TITLE

This policy shall be called the Indigent Support Policy of the City of Ekurhuleni.



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CREDIT CONTROL AND DEBT COLLECTION POLICY

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CREDIT CONTROL AND DEBT COLLECTION POLICY

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS section 95(a) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000, provides that in relation to the levying of rates and other taxes by a municipality and the charging of fees for municipal services, a municipality must, within its financial and administrative capacity, establish a sound Customer Management System that aims to create a positive and reciprocal relationship between persons liable for these payments and the municipality and where applicable a service provider.

AND WHEREAS section 96(a) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000, provides that a municipality must collect all money that is due and payable to the municipality and for this purpose must adopt, maintain and implement a credit control and debt collection policy which is consistent with its rates and tariff policies and complies with the provisions of that Act.

AND WHEREAS section 97 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, No 32 of 2000, provides that the credit control and debt collection policy must provide for credit control and debt collection procedures and mechanisms as well as provision for indigent debtors that is consistent with its rates and tariff policies and any national policies on indigents.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Ekurhuleni has adopted the **Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy** as set out hereunder: -

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1. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, shall bear the same meaning in this policy, and unless the context indicates otherwise –

"Account"	: Account in name of customer held with the City of Ekurhuleni
"Account Statement"	: formal notification by means of a statement of account to persons liable for payment of amounts levied for fees, charges, surcharges on fees, property rates and other municipal taxes and services, levies, penalties and duties, indicating the net accumulated balance of the account.
"Accounting Officer"	: means the person appointed by the Municipality as the City Manager of the City of Ekurhuleni in terms of section 82 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act 117 of 1998), responsible and accountable in terms of section 55(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) and includes any person acting in such position and to whom the City Manager has delegated a power, function or duty.
"Act"	: means the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), as amended from time to time.
"Administration of Estates Act"	: means the Administration of Estates Act, 66 of 1965.
"Agent"	: means a person authorised by the customer to act on his or her behalf
"Arrears"	: Amount due, owing and payable in respect of fees, charges, surcharges on fees, property rates and other municipal taxes and services, levies, penalties and duties and not paid by the due date.
"Authorised Officer"	: means any official of the Municipality who has been authorised by it to administer, implement and enforce the provisions of this policy.
"By-law"	: means a by-law adopted by the Municipality.
"Chief Financial Officer"	: means the person appointed by the municipality as Group Chief Financial Officer of the City of Ekurhuleni in terms of section 56 of the Local Government : Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000): Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000).

- “City Manager”** : means the person appointed by the Municipality as the City Manager of the City of Ekurhuleni in terms of section 82 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act 117 of 1998), responsible and accountable in terms of section 55(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) and includes any person acting in such position and to whom the City Manager has delegated a power, function or duty.
- “collection charges”** : means collection charges which may be recovered by the Municipality in terms of section 75A of the Act, and includes the cost –
- (a) to remind debtors of arrears;
 - (b) for the termination and reconnection of services; and
 - (c) all legal costs, including attorney and own client costs incurred in the recovery of arrear amounts.
- "consolidated account"** : a monthly account reflecting all fees, charges, surcharges on fees, property rates and other municipal taxes and services, levies, penalties and duties in respect of various accounts held by customer.
- “Consumer”** : means any occupier of any premises to which the municipality has agreed to supply or is actually supplying municipal services, or if there is no occupier, the owner of the premises and or recipient and or consumer of various services rendered by the municipality. A customer will therefore be deemed a customer by virtue of receiving, consuming and or utilising any facility, equipment, service rendered by the municipality and or a municipal entity or an agent as appointed by the municipality.
- “Council”** : Means –
- (a) the “Municipality” and vice versa;
 - (b) the Council of the City of Ekurhuleni established by Provincial Notice No. 6768, as amended, exercising its legislative and executive authority through the municipality;
 - (c) its successor in title;
 - (d) a structure or person exercising a delegated power or carrying out an instruction, where any power in these by-laws has been delegated or sub-delegated, or an instruction given, as contemplated in section 59 of the Act; or
 - (e) a service provider fulfilling a responsibility under these by-laws, assigned to it in terms of section 81(2) of the act, or any other by-law, as the case may be.

"customer"	: means "Consumer".
"defaulter"	: any customer in arrears.
"illegal connection"	: a connection to any system through which municipal services are provided, which is not authorised or approved by the Municipality or its authorised agent.
"Indigent"	: Person referred to in the Indigent Support Policy of the Municipality.
"municipal entity"	: means a municipal entity of which the municipality is the parent municipality.
"municipality"	: means the "Council" and vice versa.
"occupier"	: means any person who occupies any premises or part thereof, without any regard to the title under which he or she so occupies.
"owner"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in relation to a property referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of "property", means a person in whose name ownership of the property is registered; (b) in relation to a right referred to in paragraph (b) of the definition of "property", means a person in whose name the right is registered; (c) in relation to a land tenure right referred to in paragraph (c) of the definition of "property", means a person in whose name the right is registered or to whom it was granted in terms of legislation; or (d) in relation to public service infrastructure referred to in paragraph (d) of the definition of "property", means the organ of state which owns or controls that public service infrastructure as envisaged in the definition of "publicly controlled": provided that a person mentioned below may for the purpose of these by-laws be regarded by the Council as the owner of a property in the following cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A trustee, in the case of a property in a trust excluding state trust land; (ii) An executor or administrator, in the case of a property in a deceased estate; (iii) A trustee or liquidator, in the case of a property in an insolvent estate or in liquidation; (iv) A judicial manager, in the case of a property in the estate of a person under judicial management;

- (v) A curator, in the case of a property in the estate of a person under curatorship;
 - (vi) A person in whose name a usufruct or other personal servitude is registered, in the case of a property that is subject to a usufruct or other personal servitude;
 - (vii) A lessee, in the case of a property that is registered in the name of the Council and is leased by it; or
 - (viii) A buyer, in the case of a property that was sold by the Council and of which possession was given to the buyer pending registration of ownership in the name of the buyer.
- (e) any legal person, including but not limited to:
- (i) a company registered in terms of the Companies Act, 1973, a trust, a close corporation registered in terms of the Close Corporations Act, 1984; as amended by the Companies Act, 2008;
 - (ii) any department of State;
 - (iii) any council or board established in terms of any legislation applicable to the Republic of South Africa;
 - (iv) any embassy or other foreign entity.

“Policy” : means the Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy adopted by the Municipality.

“property” : (a) immovable property registered in the name of a person, including, in the case of a sectional title scheme, a sectional title unit registered in the name of a person;

(b) a right registered against immovable property in the name of a person, excluding a mortgage bond registered against the property;

(c) a land tenure right registered in the name of a person or granted to a person in terms of legislation; or

(d) public service infrastructure.

“Registered Property” : Property registered in Deeds Office

“stakeholder” : means all natural and non-natural customers of the municipality and or prospective customers and or single or groups of people who consume or receive services from the municipality.

“3rd party debt collection agencies” : means any person or juristic person that collects debt on behalf of the municipality.

2. OBJECTIVE OF POLICY

The objective of this policy is to –

- (a) provide for customer management, credit control procedures and mechanisms and debt collection procedures and mechanisms;
- (b) provide for indigents in a way that is consistent with rates and tariff policies and any national and / or local policy on indigents;
- (c) set realistic targets consistent with –
 - (i) generally recognized accounting practices and collection ratios; and
 - (ii) the estimates of income set in the budget less an acceptable provision for bad debts.
- (d) provide for charging of interest on arrears, where appropriate;
- (e) provide for extensions of time for payment of accounts;
- (f) provide for termination of services or the restriction of the provision of services when payments are in the arrears;
- (g) provide for matters relating to unauthorized consumption of services, theft and damages;
- (h) provide for actions that may be taken by the municipality to secure payment of accounts that are in arrear including –
 - (i) The termination of municipal services or the restriction of the provision of services;
 - (ii) The seizure of property;
 - (iii) The attachment of rent payable on a property; or
 - (iv) The extension of liability to a director, trustee or a member if the debtor is a company, a trust or a close corporation.
- (i) provide for alternative debt repayment arrangements in accordance with the terms and conditions of this policy;
- (j) create an environment which enables a customer to repay the outstanding debt and establish culture of payment for services rendered by the municipality;
- (k) effectively and efficiently deal with defaulters in accordance with the terms and conditions of this policy; or
- (l) provide for procedures and mechanisms to ensure that all monies due and payable to the municipality are collected.

3. APPLICATION OF POLICY

3.1 Applicable Items

This policy shall apply to, but not be limited to, monies due and payable to the municipality for –

- (a) Property rates;
- (b) Municipal tax;
- (c) Fees, surcharges on fees, charges and tariffs in respect of municipal services, such as –
 - (i) provision of water;
 - (ii) refuse removal;
 - (iii) sewerage;
 - (iv) the removal and purification of sewerage;

- (v) electricity consumption;
 - (vi) Rental and or leasing of equipment, land, buildings and facilities of all types;
 - (vii) interest which has accrued or will accrue in respect of money due and payable to the municipality;
 - (viii) Burial fees;
 - (ix) Dumping of refuse;
 - (x) collection charges in those cases where the municipality is responsible for –
 - (aa) the rendering of municipal accounts in respect of any one or more of the municipal services;
 - (bb) the recovery of amounts due and payable in respect thereof, irrespective whether the municipal services, or any of them, are provided by the municipality itself or by a service utility with which it has concluded an agreement to provide a service on the municipality's behalf;
 - (xi) any other charges levied from time to time.
- 3.2 This policy shall apply to municipal services provided through conventional meter, re-paid meters or any other linked service;
- 3.3 This policy shall apply to any municipal entity of which the municipality is the parent municipality'
- 3.4 This policy shall apply to customers within the official demarcated boundaries of the municipality, including newly demarcated areas as determined by the demarcation board from time to time;
- 3.5 This Policy must be read in conjunction with the Credit Control and Debt Collection By-law. Where there is a conflict between this Policy and another By-law or Policy of the Municipality, this Policy prevails over the affected provision of the other By-law or Policy in respect of any credit control and debt collection matter.
- 3.6 This policy shall apply to, but not be limited to, the following categories of customers –
- (a) Residential customers of the municipality;
 - (b) Business customers of the municipality;
 - (c) Non-governmental organisations for profit and non-profit;
 - (d) Educational institutions for profit and non-profit;
 - (e) Religious institutions;
 - (f) National, provincial and local government;
 - (g) State owned entities;
 - (h) Any other category of customer as determined by the municipality from time to time.

4. CREDIT CONTROL AND DEBT COLLECTION PRINCIPLES

The credit control and debt collection policy is based on the following principles -

4.1 GENERAL

- (i) The policy and its application provides for the specific circumstances of the community to which it relates.
- (ii) The credit control and debt collection procedures must be understandable, uniform, fair and consistently applied.
- (iii) Credit control must be effective, efficient and economical.
- (iv) The measures taken must be sustainable in the long term.

4.2 COUNCIL

- (i) To enable the Council to differentiate between those customers that cannot pay from those that simply do not want to pay, the “Indigent Support Policy” will be applied.
- (ii) The Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy will be supported by procedure manual(s) as drafted by the Divisional Head Revenue or a nominee of the Accounting Officer.
- (iii) In case of a By-Law of Council, the Credit Control and Debt Collection By-law, which enforces this policy, shall prevail.

4.3 CUSTOMERS

- (i) Customers found to have misrepresented themselves in order to benefit from any of the Councils relief and/or benefit in terms of this policy, will be deemed to have committed an offence and remedial measures will be taken in a manner as determined by the Council from time to time, and all relief and / or benefits that have been received, will be reversed to account of customer from date of offence.
- (ii) Notwithstanding anything contained in this policy, the Council will recover any debt relevant to registered property in terms of provisions of section 118 of the Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000.
- (iii) In the case of company, close corporation, trust in terms of the Trust Property Control Act No. 57 of 1988, home owner’s association or a body corporate in terms of the Sectional Titles Act, 1986 (Act No. 95 of 1986), the liability may be extended to the directors, members or trustees thereof jointly and severally, and –
 - the directors, members or trustees thereof shall be considered to have provided the Council with a guarantee that any debt shall be recoverable from themselves in their personal capacity with each being jointly and severally liable for such debt, the one paying the other to be absolved.
- (iv) Where any subsidiary company of a holding company is indebted to the Council, the liability for such arrears may be extended to the holding company.
- (v) Where any holding company is indebted to the Council, the liability for such arrears may be extended to the subsidiary company.
- (vii) The Council shall not conduct any business activity with or accept new services application to any customer who is in arrears with the Council

except as provided for in legislation or policy as determined by the Council from time to time.

- (viii) In case of a customer in default with any payment to the municipality in respect of any service, the amount of any credit may be allocated as payment against any outstanding municipal account of that customer.

4.4 DECEASED ESTATES

In accordance with the provisions of Administration of Estates Act the executor of a Deceased Estate shall be liable for payment of all debts on the property.

It remains the sole responsibility of the occupiers to inform the Municipality that the property forms part of a deceased estate and the Municipality may refuse services until an executor has been appointed.

Occupiers of property in a deceased estate where neither an executor nor administrator has been appointed, may be required to sign a service agreement.

In the absence of appointment letters as mentioned above the following consent and conditions will be applicable;

- (a) When such consent be given by the co-owner/s and on submission of a death certificate of deceased owner.
- (b) A tenant of the property in possession of a valid and current rental agreement;
- (c) Where the deceased was the sole owner, the nominated proxy by the immediate family or the appointed person as per customary law to take responsibility of the account supported by affidavits from the family together with a copy of the death certificate.
- (d) Where it can be proven that the applicant will inherit the property from the deceased estate owner by submission of a valid copy of the will together with a copy of the death certificate.
- (e) That the full monthly account be maintained and settled by applicant, failure which the Municipality reserves the right to refuse to supply further services and cancel the temporary supply agreement.
- (f) For the purpose of liability for an account, the occupier or occupiers of a property which confers in a deceased estate where neither an executor nor representative has been appointed, but wishes to settle a deceased persons debt may be requested to sign a Service Agreement in the interim whilst the registration of the deceased estate with the relevant authority commences or pending the winding up of the estate. Where there is more than one occupier on the property, every occupier will be jointly and severally liable for an account or consolidated account.
- (g) None of the above will confer any rights on the occupiers other than the liability to pay the accounts.
- (h) Where a deceased estate remains unresolved for a period in excess of 3 years and without derogating from such other rights as may exist in law, the municipality may refuse further services to the property or review supply conditions to the property or set further extension to require resolution of the estate

4.5 COUNCILLOR SERVICES ACCOUNTS

In accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1, of the Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000, an elected councillor residing within demarcated area of the Council and is individually or jointly responsible for account, may not be in arrears for

municipal service fees, surcharges on fees rates or any other municipal taxes, levies and duties levied by the Council for more than 3 (three) months.

Notwithstanding any relevant procedure, method or action that may be taken in terms of this policy, the City Manager may deduct amounts due for more than 3 (three) months from such councillor's remuneration.

4.6 STAFF SERVICES ACCOUNTS

In accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2, of the Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000, an official of council, residing within demarcated area of the Council and is individually or jointly responsible for account, may not be in arrears for municipal service fees, surcharges on fees rates or any other municipal taxes, levies and duties levied by the Council for more than 3 (three) months.

Notwithstanding any relevant procedure, method or action that may be taken in terms of this policy, the City Manager may deduct amounts due for more than 3 (three) months from such official's remuneration.

4.7 PROPERTY TRANSFER CLEARANCE - SECTION 118 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS ACT 32 OF 2000

Certificate in terms of Section 118(1) will only be issued if all amounts that became due in connection with that property for municipal service fees, surcharges on fees, property rates and other municipal taxes, levies and duties during the two years preceding the date of application for the certificate have been fully paid.

In terms of Section 118(3), an amount due for municipal service fees, surcharges on fees, property rates and other municipal taxes, levies and duties is a charge upon the property in connection with which the amount is owing and enjoys preference over any mortgage bond registered against the property.

The council may institute any legal proceedings and mechanisms available to recover full outstanding debt in terms of Section 118(3) including, lodging an urgent application to interdict the sale of the property until the debt is paid in full.

All Collection charges incurred in pursuing recovery of arrears, shall be levied against the debtors account.

Upon transfer of a property, a new owner is not liable for debts arising before transfer from the charge upon the property under section 118(3) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000.

5. ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION

5.1 ACCOUNTS

- (a) Accounts must be rendered and administered in accordance with the requirements of this policy.
- (b) Failure by the Council to render an account does not relieve a customer of the obligation to pay any amount that is due and payable.
- (c) The Council may, in accordance with the provisions of section 102 of the Act –

- (i) Consolidate any separate accounts of customers liable for payments to the council;
- (ii) Credit any payment by such customer against any account of that customer;
- (iii) Implement any of the debt collection and credit control measures provided for in the Council's policies and by-laws, in relation to any arrears on any of the accounts of such a customer.
- (d) The amount due and payable by a customer constitutes a consolidated debt, and any payment made by a consumer of an amount less than the total amount due will be allocated in reduction of the consolidated debt in the order determined by the Council.
- (e) Where the property is owned by more than one person, each owner shall be jointly and severally liable, the one paying the other to be absolved, for all municipal debts charged on the property.

5.2 ACCOUNT QUERIES

- (a) Account query refers to the instance when a customer queries any specific amount or any content contained in any account as rendered by the Council;
- (b) Query must be raised in writing at any of the Council's administrative offices;
- (c) Customer to furnish in writing full personal particulars including acceptable means of identification, contact details and account number in respect of which amount owing is queried;
- (d) Customer may be represented by a duly appointed nominee or agent, and such nominee or agent shall upon request produce sufficient proof of such appointment;
- (e) Pending the outcome of query, customer may apply for temporary payment extension in terms of provisions of this policy;
- (f) the customer shall, pending the resolution and outcome of the query, continue to make regular payments on services that are **NOT** in dispute **PLUS** the average charges for the preceding three months prior to the arising of the dispute in respect of remaining part of account or disputed service until the resolution of that query;
- (g) should a customer not be satisfied with the outcome of the query, a customer may lodge an appeal in terms of section 62, as read with section 95 (f), of the Systems Act.

5.3 DISPUTE AS TO AMOUNT OWING

- (a) A customer may lodge an appeal in terms of section 62, as read with section 95 (f), of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000.
- (b) Customer to furnish in writing full personal particulars including acceptable means of identification, contact details and account number in respect of which amount owing is disputed.
- (c) Only disputes lodged by registered account holder will be considered.
- (d) Customer may be represented by a duly appointed nominee or agent, and such nominee or agent shall upon request produce sufficient proof of such appointment.

- (e) Should any written dispute arise as to the amount owing on the account in respect of all services by a customer, the customer shall, pending the resolution and outcome of that dispute, continue to make regular minimum payments based on the average charges for the preceding three months prior to the arising of the dispute, plus interest, until the resolution of that dispute.
- (f) Should any written dispute arise as to the amount owing on part of the account or service by a customer, the customer shall, pending the resolution and outcome of that dispute, continue to make regular payments on services that are **NOT** in dispute **PLUS** the average charges for the preceding three months prior to the arising of the dispute in respect of remaining part of account or disputed service until the resolution of that dispute.
- (g) Any amount **NOT** in dispute must be paid in full by the customer and undisputed municipal services may be restricted or disconnected in respect of amounts outstanding in respect of such services.

5.4 INTEREST CHARGES

- (a) Accounts are due and payable on account due date.
- (b) Interest will be levied on all arrears at a rate prescribed by the Council from time to time.
- (c) Specific categories of customers, services and debtor groups as determined by the Council from time to time, may be excluded from interest on arrear charges.

5.5 ACCOUNT DUE DATE

- (a) Monthly account due date represents the date on which the customer's account becomes due and payable, the due date shall be as determined by the Council from time to time.
- (b) Where the owner has entered into an agreement with the Council to pay property rates annually, the due date shall be as determined by the Council from time to time.
- (c) Account due date will be reflected on customer account statement.
- (d) Only payments receipted through the Councils financial system on or before account due date will be deemed to have been duly received.
- (e) Payments by customers through 3rd party vendors, will only be deemed to have been received when receipted through the Councils financial system.

5.6 PAYMENT EXTENSION

5.6.1 Temporary Payment Extension

- (a) On written application by customer, requests for payment extension in respect of outstanding debt will be considered in the following circumstances:
 - (i) Customer account under inquiry.
 - (ii) Customer account under dispute.
 - (iii) Pending outcome or conclusion of court cases.
 - (iv) Merit cases as approved by Accounting Officer or delegated official.

- (b) Customer may be represented by a duly appointed nominee or agent, and such nominee or agent shall upon request produce sufficient proof of such appointment.
- (c) Payment extension will be granted for maximum period of 90 days from date of application and may be extended on month-to-month basis for maximum period of 6 months by Accounting Officer or delegated official.
- (d) Payment extension will not result in the suspension of legal actions and / or court actions unless authorised by Accounting Officer.
- (e) Approved payment extension will result in the temporary suspension of credit control actions.
- (f) Approved payment extension will **NOT** result in the termination, extension or suspension of interest on arrears.
- (g) Consumers with an active debt re-payment arrangement do not qualify for payment extension application in respect of active or arrangement account.

5.6.2 Permanent Payment Extension

- (a) On written application by customer, requests for permanent alternative monthly payment due date (Permanent Payment Extension) will be considered.
- (b) Customer to furnish in the manner prescribed by Council, full personal particulars including acceptable means of identification, contact details and account number in respect of which application is made.
- (c) Customer may be represented by a duly appointed nominee or agent, and such nominee or agent shall upon request produce sufficient proof of such appointment.
- (d) Extension will be valid for minimum period of 12 (twelve) months.
- (e) Extension of account due date may be moved to any of the following alternative monthly due dates:
 - ▶ 5th
 - ▶ 10th
 - ▶ 15th
 - ▶ 20th
 - ▶ 25th
 - ▶ 30th
- (f) Extension will only be cancelled on written application by customer.
- (g) Where a consumer is found to default on permanent payment extension for at least three consecutive billing periods, the council at its sole discretion may cancel such payment extension.
- (h) On cancellation of extension, customer will revert to the original cycle due date.

5.7 ARREAR ACCOUNTS

- (a) If a consumer fails to pay the full amount due and payable on or before the account due date, the unpaid amount is in arrears and a final demand / Pre Termination notice shall be sent and may be hand delivered or delivered, per mail or any electronic means available, to the most recent recorded address or electronic contact address and/or number of the consumer.

- (b) Failure to deliver or send a final demand / Pre Termination notice does not relieve a consumer from paying such arrears.
- (c) The final demand / Pre Termination notice must contain the following:
 - (i) the minimum amount payable, and the date by which such amount must be paid;
 - (ii) that the consumer may conclude a debt repayment agreement with the Council for payment of the arrears amount in instalments;
 - (iii) that if full minimum amount payable is not paid and/or debt repayment agreement is not entered into within the stated period, that the electricity and/or water services will be discontinued or restricted and that legal action will be instituted against consumer for the recovery of any amounts in arrear, without further notice;
- (d) The customer together with the account(s) that is/are in default may be handed over to a duly appointed collection agent or attorney for collection;
- (e) The consumer's name may be made public, and may be listed with a credit bureau or any other equivalent body as a defaulter;
- (f) Proof of registration as an indigent customer must be handed in to the Council on or before the required date of payment contemplated in 5.5(a).

5.8 COST TO REMIND CUSTOMERS OF ARREARS

An administrative fee will be levied against the account of a customer in terms of the tariff provisions of the Council, in respect of any action taken in demanding payment from the customer or reminding the customer by means of notice delivered by mail, by hand or any electronic means available, that account is in arrears.

5.9 PAYMENT ALLOCATION PRIORITIES

Payments received in respect of consolidated debt will be allocated in the following priority order, with oldest outstanding debt being settled first irrespective of date of payment:

Priority	Category
1	Deposit raised
2	Arrangement instalment
3	Balance brought forward from previous financial system
4	Cash
5	Abeyance debt
6	Clearance debt in terms of Section 118 (Inside and Outside)
7	Disconnection fees
8	Legal costs
10	Interest services
11	Interest other
12	Interest housing
13	Interest loans
15	Assessment rates
20	Refuse service debt
25	Sewer service debt
30	Water service debt

<u>35</u>	Electricity service debt
<u>40</u>	Rental charges
<u>45</u>	Hostel fees
<u>50</u>	Housing charges
<u>55</u>	Ambulance fees
<u>60</u>	Emergency fees
<u>65</u>	Improvement district
<u>70</u>	Loans
<u>99</u>	Other (any other service debt raised to account)

6. ACTIONS TO SECURE PAYMENT

- (a) The Council or its duly appointed agents may, in addition to the normal civil legal steps to secure payment of accounts that are in arrears, take the following actions to secure payment for property rates, municipal services, interest, penalties and other related charges namely -
 - (i) termination and / or restriction of the provision of any municipal services in accordance with paragraph 7; and
 - (ii) allocation of the full or portion of a payment of an account, or the full or portion of pre-paid service payment, as payment for arrears in accordance with paragraph 5.7.
 - (iii) the defaulting customer may be-
 - (a) listed with a credit bureau; and
 - (b) hand over of debt to an in-house or contracted debt collection agent for collection. All administrative processes in terms of this policy adhered to and no prior notice of debt hand-over required.
- (b) The Council may further take the steps contemplated in section 104(1)(f)(ii) of the Municipal Systems Act, subject to the regulations made or guidelines issued by the Minister, if any, and provided that any intended seizure of property must be referred to the City Manager or his / her nominee for approval or such directives which the Council deems necessary under the circumstances.
- (c) The Council may, in terms of the provisions of section 104(1)(f)(iii) of the Municipal Systems Act, attach the rental or any other payments due to customers who are in arrears with their municipal accounts.
 - (i) If any debt levied in respect of a property is in arrears by the owner of the property, the arrears may be recovered in whole or in part from a tenant or occupier of the property, despite any contractual obligation to the contrary on the tenant or occupier;
 - (ii) Written notice has been served on the tenant or occupier and property owner or agent of property owner;
 - (iii) The tenant or occupier of property or agent of property owner must on request by the Council, furnish a written statement specifying rental and other payments to be made by the tenant or occupier to the owner of the property during a period as determined by Council;
 - (iv) The amount the Council may recover from the tenant or occupier of a property is limited to the amount of rent payable by the tenant or occupier to the owner of the property;
 - (v) The Council may recover the arrear amount on a property in whole or in part from the agent of the registered owner;
 - (vi) Any amount recovered from the tenant or occupier will be set off against the arrears of the property owner.

- (d) The Council may, in the case of company, close corporation, trust in terms of the Trust Property Control Act No 57 of 1988, home owner's association or a body corporate in terms of the Sectional Titles Act, 1986 (Act No 95 of 1986), extend the liability in respect of customer arrears to the directors, members or trustees thereof jointly and severally.
- (e) The Council may, at the cost of the consumer, install water management device and/or pre-paid electricity meters upon the failure of the consumer to make regular payments to Council for services consumed.

7. POWER TO RESTRICT OR TERMINATE SUPPLY OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

7.1 GENERAL

- (a) The Council or duly appointed agent may terminate and / or restrict the supply of water, electricity or in the case of pre-paid electricity withhold the selling of electricity in terms of the prescribed disconnection procedures, or discontinue any other service to any premises associated with the customer, whenever a consumer of any service –
 - (i) after the expiry of the period for payment in terms of the final demand / Pre termination notice referred to in section 5.7, fails to make full payment on the due date or fails to make acceptable arrangements for the repayment of any amount for municipal services, property rates or taxes or other amounts due in terms of this policy;
 - (ii) no proof of registration as an indigent was furnished within the period provided for in the final demand / Pre Termination Notice referred to in section 5.7;
 - (iii) no payment was received in accordance with an agreement for payment of arrears;
 - (iv) fails to comply with a condition of supply imposed by the council;
 - (v) obstructs the efficient supply of electricity, water, or any other municipal services to another customer;
 - (vi) supplies such municipal service to a consumer/owner who is not entitled thereto or permits such service to continue;
 - (vii) causes a situation, which in the opinion of the council is dangerous, or a contravention of relevant legislation;
 - (viii) in any way bridges the supply or illegally reconnects previously disconnected municipal services;
 - (ix) is placed under provisional sequestration, liquidation or judicial management, or commits an act of insolvency in terms of the Insolvency Act, 1936 (Act 24 of 1936);
 - (x) is subject to an administration order granted in terms of section 74 of the Magistrates Court Act, 1944 (Act 32 of 1944) in respect of such user.
 - (xi) fails to supply electricity and / or water consumption readings on written notice within required period.
 - (xii) at the written request of the consumer, wherein a written agreement of indemnity between such consumer and the Council, shall be entered, indemnifying the Council of all claims, legal proceedings and costs arising out of such disconnection or restriction occasioned at a written request of the consumer, where the consumer has vacated the premises to which a

consumer agreement was concluded, provided that the consumer, after proving ownership or lawful right of control of the property, satisfies Council that continued provision of these services on the property will be prejudicial to both the consumer and the Council

- (b) The Council shall hand deliver, per mail or per electronic means available, to the physical address of property or most recent recorded address or electronic contact address and / or number of such customer, a Pre-Termination Notice informing such consumer –
 - (i) that the provision of the service will be discontinued on the date stated on the Pre-termination notice;
 - (ii) of the steps which can be taken to have the service reconnected;
 - (iii) of the minimum amount payable to restore service.
- (c) Subject to the provisions of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act 3 of 2000), having been observed, save that the Council's reasons for its decision to act must be supplied within seven days after a request therefore.
- (d) The right of the Council or any duly appointed agent to restrict or discontinue water to any premises, owner of property, tenant on property, customer or occupant of property, shall be subject to the provisions of sections 3 and 4 of the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act 108 of 1997).
- (e) The right of the Council to restrict or discontinue the provision of electricity to any premises, owner of property, tenant on property, customer or occupant of property shall be subject to the provisions of the Electricity Act, 1987 (Act 41 of 1987).
- (f) The right of the Council or any duly appointed agent to limit or restrict the supply of municipal services to a customer shall be subject to the provisions of the Health Act, 1997 (Act 63 of 1997), and the regulations made there under.

7.2 COST TO RESTRICT OR DISCONTINUE SERVICES.

Where any municipal service is restricted or discontinued as a result of non-compliance with provisions of this policy by the customer, the Council shall at its prerogative be entitled to levy and recover:

- (i) Disconnection fee in terms of the tariff provisions of Council;
- (ii) Installation of water management devices as determined by the Council from time to time;
- (iii) Installation of a pre-paid electricity meter or equivalent as determined by Council from time to time;
- (iv) Consumer deposit held against customer account may be increased subject to the provisions of deposit policy and tariff provisions of Council;
- (v) Any other applicable fees, tariffs, charges in terms of tariff provisions of Council.

8. RECONNECTION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

8.1 GENERAL

- (a) Services, restricted or disconnected in terms of section 7, will only be reinstated and reconnected after satisfactory payment or satisfactory arrangement for payment of arrears; penalties and/or adjusted deposit have been made in accordance to this policy.

- (b) Services may only be reinstated or reconnected by Council or duly appointed agent.
- (c) Subject to capacity at the time to restore such services which have been restricted or disconnected, such services will be restored within a reasonable time after the relevant conditions of this policy have been met.
- (d) Onus shall be on the customer to request reconnection and to prove that the full amount as required has been paid.

8.2 COST FOR THE RECONNECTION OF SERVICES

Where any instruction is issued by Council for the reinstatement of normal service flow or reconnection of municipal service, restricted or disconnected in terms of this policy, reconnection fee will be levied in terms of tariff provisions of Council.

9. DEBT REPAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

9.1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- (a) Only a customer with positive proof of identity or a person authorised, in writing, by that customer or -
 - (i) a letter of consent from an Agent;
 - (ii) a letter of Authority from the Magistrate/High Court/Registered Attorney/Advocate
 will be allowed to enter into a debt repayment agreement for the payment of arrears in instalments.
- (b) If applicant is a tenant on property, written consent by owner to Debt Repayment Arrangement by tenant is required whereby owner acknowledges debt and approves entering into debt repayment arrangement.
- (c) If applicant is a company, close corporation, trust in terms of the Trust Property Control Act No. 57 of 1988, home owner's association or a body corporate in terms of the Sectional Titles Act, 1986 (Act No 95 of 1986), debt repayment arrangement to be signed by duly authorised member with submission of signed deed of personal surety in terms of 6(d) by each of listed Directors, members or trustees of such juristic person.
- (d) The amount due and payable by a customer constitutes a consolidated debt, and any payment made by a consumer will be allocated in reduction of the consolidated debt in the order determined by the Council.
- (e) A consumer may be required to complete a debit order for the payment of arrears.

9.2 DURATION AND CONDITIONS FOR PAYMENT OF ARREARS IN INSTALMENTS

- (a) No agreement for the payment of arrears concluded by the nominated officers of the Accounting Officer be longer than 36 months, unless the circumstances referred to in section 9.2(b) prevail.
- (b) The Council may, on an individual basis, allow a longer period than 36 months for the payment of arrears, if –
 - (i) special circumstances prevail, which in the opinion of the Council warrants such an extension, and which the consumer could not reasonably prevent or avoid;

- (ii) documentary proof of any such special circumstances has been furnished by the consumer on request by the Council;
 - (iii) approval has been obtained by the Accounting Officer or his delegate in terms of prescribed procedures.
- (c) This extension of the repayment period in 9.2(b) may not be longer than an additional 36 months.
- (d) The customer may be required to prove levels of income and must agree to a monthly instalment;
- (e) The Council must, in exercising its discretion under paragraph (a) and (b) have regard to a consumer's –
 - (i) credit record;
 - (ii) previous and frequency of dishonoured payments;
 - (iii) instances of proven meter tampering or illegal connection – may impact on arrangement application and minimum down payment requirements may be increased based on financial risk as determined by Divisional Head Revenue or nominee.
 - (iv) consumption and level of service;
 - (v) previous breaches of agreements for the payment of arrears in instalments;
 - (vi) provisions of National Credit Act; and
 - (vii) any other relevant factors.
- (f) The customer shall be required to make a down payment based on consolidated arrear debt on date of entering into an agreement to pay in instalments on the following basis:
 - (i) 1st Debt Repayment arrangement: 0%
 - (ii) 2nd Debt Repayment arrangement: 15%
 - (iii) 3rd Debt Repayment Arrangement: 30%
 - (iv) Additional Debt Repayment Arrangement: 30%

The above-mentioned minimum down payment requirements may be reduced or withdrawn based on merit of written request by account holder to the Divisional Head Revenue or nominee. Account holder payment history and credit risk will be taken into account.
- (g) Once an agreement referred to in 9.1 has been concluded, the amount in arrears shall be reflected as a current amount, and no further interest shall be added to arrangement debt.
- (h) The customer will be required to effect payment of current plus arrangement instalment on or before account due date, failure which will result in the immediate cancellation of debt repayment arrangement.
- (i) Customers who default on three occasions in respect of debt repayment arrangements made, may be denied facility to enter into further debt repayment arrangements and full amount becomes due and payable.
- (j) If the customer defaults on the third debt repayment arrangement, a further arrangement may be granted to the customer by the Divisional Head Revenue or his/her nominee on submission of full motivation.
- (k) In the case of multiple defaults the following steps may be undertaken:
 - (i) Installation of water management devices as determined by the Council from time to time;
 - (ii) Installation of a pre-paid electricity meter or equivalent as determined by Council from time to time.
- (l) A copy of the agreement must be made available to the consumer.

10. AGENTS, ATTORNEYS AND OTHER COLLECTION AGENTS

- (a) The names of all external agents acting on behalf of the Council, together with their addressed and contact information may be published in a manner that will ensure that it will come to the attention of the customers of the municipality.
- (b) Under no circumstances may agents negotiate terms, extend payment periods or accept cash on behalf of the Council, unless specifically instructed in writing to do so, and such instruction must be produced on request of a customer.
- (c) An agent must record the cost to the Council and a customer for each stage of the credit control measures taken by him or her and for all possible actions which could be necessary in the credit control process.
- (d) All legal and debt collection costs, including attorney and own client costs incurred by the Council and/or appointed agents in the recovery of arrear amounts, may be levied against the arrears account of the customer, and may be recovered by a duly appointed agent.

11. LEGAL ACTION

- (a) Should any debtor fail to pay any debt, referred to in this policy or section 118 (3) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 by due date, the Accounting Officer may serve a notice in terms of section 115 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000, –
 - (i) on the debtor, and
 - (ii) on the property,

calling upon such debtor to pay such debt within 30 (thirty) days of such notice.

The notice shall state that should debt per notice not be settled within 30 (thirty) days of such notice, legal proceedings will be instituted for the recovery of debt plus any additional costs incurred in the application of this policy and will further an order of Court for the sale of the customer's moveable and immovable property for the outstanding debt.

- (b) If after giving notification in terms of section 11(a) such debt remains outstanding, legal proceedings will be instituted through court of competent jurisdiction, against customer.
- (c) Such court of competent jurisdiction shall be requested to summarily order any such moveable and immovable property against which the debt is owing to be sold by way of public auction in terms of provisions of section 104(1)(f)(ii) of the Local Government : Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 subject to the regulations made or guidelines issued by the Minister, if any, and provided that any intended seizure of property must be referred to the Accounting Officer or his/her nominee for approval or such directives which the Council deems necessary under the circumstances.

12. DISHONoured PAYMENTS

- (a) Where any payment is made to the municipality by a negotiable instrument, and such negotiable instrument is dishonoured by the bank, the Council may levy costs and administration fees against the account of the defaulting debtor at the rate determined by the Council from time to time.
- (b) Payment to the account will be reversed and credit control will immediately be affected on such accounts without any further notice.

- (c) The Council reserves the right to refuse to accept or cancel such further payment instruments from customer.
- (d) The Council may place the customer on the relevant adverse credit rating list and/or take any steps as contained in this policy which may include criminal charges if applicable.
- (e) Where a payment referred to in section 12(a) was tendered and any debt management action in terms of this policy was suspended as result of deemed payment, such debt management action shall continue without further notice to such customer.

13. WRITING OFF OF BAD DEBTS

The Council will consider writing off bad debts –

- (a) Only after all reasonable steps have been taken to recover the debt in accordance with this policy, and the Council has convinced itself that:
 - (i) recovery of the debt would be uneconomical; or
 - (ii) recovery would cause undue hardship to the customer or his/her dependants; or
 - (iii) it would be to the advantage of the Council to effect a settlement of its claim or to waive a claim.
- (b) The debt to be written off as determined in (a) above will only be effected:
 - (i) in terms of council policy; or
 - (ii) in terms of legislation; or
 - (iii) in terms of delegated powers; or
 - (iv) in terms of regulations issued.

14. FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF A DEBT

- (a) The Council may appropriate monies received in respect of any municipal debt at its sole discretion as stipulated in terms of Section 102 of the Municipal Systems Act
- (b) Where the exact amount due and payable to the municipality has not been paid in full, any lesser amount tendered to and accepted by Council, shall not be deemed to be in full and final settlement of such an amount, unless accepted in terms of a power delegated authority.
- (c) The provisions in subsection (b) shall prevail notwithstanding the fact that such lesser payment was tendered and/or accepted in full settlement.
- (d) The acceptance of a lesser amount, by an authorised officer of Council, duly delegated to act in this capacity, must be in writing and signed by both parties.

15. CREDIT BUREAU LISTING OR SIMILAR

The names of debtors must, after court judgement, be automatically listed with credit bureaus or similar mediums as prescribed and or deemed fit by Council.

16. FRAUD, THEFT AND OTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

- (a) Subject to applicable legislation, the Council may refuse the supply of water or electricity to a consumer who is found guilty of fraud, theft or any other criminal offence, or, where it is evident that such criminal offence has occurred, until such time as the total costs, penalties, other fees, illegal consumption and any applicable tariffs and rates due to the Council have been paid in full.
- (b) Illegal connection, reconnection or tampering with a service supply of Council is considered a criminal offence which will result in legal actions being taken and the immediate cancellation of user agreement between council and consumer.
- (c) Council reserves the right to refuse service agreement with tenant where illegal connection, reconnection or tampering with service supply has been identified and as such will only consider new consumer agreement with owner of property.
- (d) The owner of the property remains liable and responsible for all instances of unauthorized reconnections, tampering, damage or theft of municipal service infrastructure installed on the property.
- (e) No Person may-
 - (i) Reconnect, attempt to reconnect or cause or permit a reconnection to any municipal service where the Municipality has restricted or disconnected such supply.
 - (ii) Tamper, break or interfere with any municipal equipment or unlawfully use or interfere with municipal services provided by the Municipality
 - (iii) Knowingly consume, use or distribute any municipal service which has been obtained in an unlawful manner.
- (f) A person must notify the Municipality if he or she becomes aware of any illegal connection or where a disconnection notice has been delivered to the property and the electricity remains connected.
- (g) Council reserves the right to refuse service agreement with tenant where illegal connection, reconnection or tampering with service supply has been identified and will only consider new consumer agreement with owner of property.
- (h) The owner of the property remains liable and responsible for all instances of unauthorized reconnections, tampering, damage or theft of municipal service infrastructure installed on the property as well as for all fees and charges levied by the Municipality for the disconnection and subsequent reconnection.
- (i) Where prima facie evidence of an illegal connection, tampering or interference exists, the Municipality has the right to immediately disconnect the supply without prior notice to the owner.

17. SHORT TITLE

This policy shall be called the Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy of City of Ekurhuleni.



EKURHULENI BUDGET

Annexure D9

PROVISION FOR DOUBTFUL DEBT AND DEBT WRITE-OFF POLICY

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PROVISION FOR DOUBTFUL DEBT AND DEBT WRITE-OFF POLICY

1. APPLICATION AND SCOPE

The Provision for Doubtful Debt and Debt Write-Off Policy is applicable to the City of Ekurhuleni as well as to all of the municipal entities of the Metro, being:

- Brakpan Bus Company;
- East Rand Water Care Company; and
- Ekurhuleni Development Company, including Pharoe Park, Phase Two and Lethabong Housing Institute.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Ekurhuleni has adopted the Provision for Doubtful Debt and Debt Write-off Policy as set out hereunder –

2. OBJECTIVES OF POLICY

- To ensure that debtors disclosed in the annual financial statements are stated at amounts that are deemed to be collectable.
- To ensure that uncollectable debt is written off within guidelines of existing policies and applicable legislation.

3. INTRODUCTION

The effective management of debtors include, amongst others, the following processes:

- Implementation/Maintenance of the appropriate ICT Systems and Business Processes;
- Accurate billing;
- Customer care and accounts enquiry management;
- Effective and timeous credit control;
- Impairment of debtors (Provision for Doubtful Debtors);
- Write-off of uncollectable debtors.

This policy provides guidelines on the treatment of the impairment and write-off of debtors.

4. IMPAIRMENT OF DEBTORS

Consumer debtors, long term receivables and other debtors are stated at cost less a provision for bad debts. The provision is made on an individual basis, or based on expected cash flows.

In accordance with IAS 39, an objective assessment of financial assets is made at financial year-end in order to determine possible impairment. Impairment loss is recognized as an expense in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Individual classes of loans and receivables are assessed for impairment using the following methodologies:

4.1 CONSUMER DEBTORS

Consumer Debtors are evaluated at each reporting date and impaired as follows:

Category of Debtor	Percentage of debt regarded as collectable	Percentage of debt provided for as irrecoverable (i.e. Impairment Percentage)
AA - Consumer debtors with positive billing during reporting period and debit closing balance		
01 – Debtors with receipts processed during reporting period.	Payment ratio in respect of current and opening balance debt	100% of Opening balance Payment ratio uncollectable portion
02 – Debtors with zero receipts during reporting period	0%	100%
BB - Consumer debtors with negative billing during period and debit balance	Payment ratio	100% of Closing balance Payment ratio uncollectable portion
Exclusions: Formal Debt Repayment arrangements in compliance with arrangement terms	100%	0%

In terms of the provisions of GRAP standard AG125, the above-mentioned “Percentage of debt provided for as irrecoverable” will be reviewed and adjusted at the Statement of Financial Position date on the basis of current observable data to reflect the effects of current conditions that did not affect the period on which the historical loss experience is based and remove the effects of conditions in the historical period that do not exist currently. The methodology and assumptions used for estimating future cash flows will be reviewed to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience.

4.2 SUNDRY DEPOSITS

Sundry deposits are assessed for impairment to ensure that no objective evidence exists that these deposits are irrecoverable.

4.3 SUNDRY DEBTORS

Sundry debtors are those Suspense Control Accounts classified as financial instruments with debit balances as at year-end. Sundry debtors are assessed individually for impairment to ensure that no objective evidence exists that these debtors are irrecoverable.

5. WRITE-OFF OF DOUBTFUL DEBTORS

Where debts are identified as being irrecoverable (in periods subsequent to debtors being impaired), the process of write-off will be treated as follows:

5.1 AMOUNTS EQUAL TO OR LOWER THAN AMOUNTS DELEGATED TO THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER BY COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME

Report of irrecoverable debtors detailing the nature of the underlying debt, conditions that led to the debt being identified as being irrecoverable, details on credit and debt collection processes followed to recover the debt and confirmation that all available avenues to recover the debt have been exhausted and that further actions would be fruitless and not cost effective must be submitted to Divisional Head Revenue.

Report containing recommendations of Divisional Head Revenue must be presented to the Chief Financial Officer for consideration.

Requests approved by the CFO will be processed against the relevant debtors account and reflected as debit against Bad Debt Provision.

Reconciliation of Provision for Doubtful Debtors Account must be prepared annually by the Divisional Head Revenue and retained for audit purposes.

5.2 AMOUNTS EXCEEDING THE CFO'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Report of irrecoverable debtors detailing the nature of the underlying debt, conditions that led to the debt being identified as being irrecoverable, details on credit and debt collection processes followed to recover the debt and confirmation that all available avenues to recover the debt have been exhausted and that further actions would be fruitless and not cost effective must be submitted to Divisional Head Revenue.

Report containing recommendations of Divisional Head Revenue must be presented to the Chief Financial Officer for consideration.

If approved by the Chief Financial Officer, a formal report must be submitted to the Finance Portfolio Committee, Mayoral Committee and Council for consideration.

Approvals granted by council must be processed against the relevant debtors account and reflected as debit against bad debt provision in the financial ledger.

Reconciliation of the Provision for Doubtful Debtors Account must be prepared annually by the director income and retained for audit purposes.

5.3 APPLICATION OF PRESCRIPTION ACT

The provisions of Prescription Act will apply to all services debt, excluding assessment rates. Applications and/or claims for prescription from debtors will only be assessed if no formal credit control or legal actions have been instituted during prescription debt period of three (3) years.

Income manager will assess application in terms of prescribed requirements. If in compliance with Prescription Act, report of irrecoverable debts detailing the nature of the underlying debt, conditions that led to the debt being identified as being prescribed, details on credit and debt collection processes followed to recover the debt and confirmation that debt has prescribed must be submitted to Divisional Head Revenue for consideration and approval.

Approvals granted must be processed against the relevant debtors account and reflected as debit against Bad Debt Provision in the financial ledger.

Reconciliation of the Provision for Doubtful Debtors Account must be prepared annually by the director income and retained for audit purposes.

5.4 SPECIFIC DEBT-WRITE-OFF INCENTIVES.

Divisional Head Revenue to identify and investigate specific uncollectable debt categories. Report with full details as to the reasons for categorized debt write-off to be submitted to council for approval.

Approvals granted must be processed against the relevant debtors account and reflected as debit against Bad Debt Provision in the financial ledger.

Reconciliation of the Provision for Doubtful Debtors Account must be prepared annually by the director income and retained for audit purposes.

5.5 OTHER WRITE-OFFS.

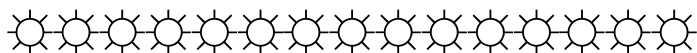
Department/Entity identify deemed irrecoverable debts and prepare report detailing the nature of the underlying debt, conditions that led to the debt being identified as being irrecoverable, details on credit and debt collection processes followed to recover the debt and confirmation that all available avenues to recover the debt have been exhausted.

If approved by the Chief Financial Officer, formal report must be submitted to the Finance Portfolio Committee, Mayoral Committee and Council for consideration.

5.6 COUNCIL APPROVED WRITE-OFF SCHEMES.

Council approved incentives or debt write-off schemes must be processed against the relevant debtors account and reflected as debit against Bad Debt Provision in the financial ledger.

Incentives or debt write-offs to be processed to individual qualifying debtors accounts for the duration of scheme.



EKURHULENI BUDGET

Annexure D10

BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING POLICY

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BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING POLICY

1. APPLICATION AND SCOPE

The Budget Implementation and Monitoring Policy is applicable to the City of Ekurhuleni as well as to all of the municipal entities of the Metro, being:

- Brakpan Bus Company (BBC);
- East Rand Water Care Company (ERWAT);
- Ekurhuleni Housing Company, including Pharoe Park, Phase Two and Lethabong Housing Institute (EHC); and
- Ekurhuleni Development Agency (EDA).

2. OBJECTIVES OF POLICY

The purpose of the Budget Implementation and Monitoring Policy is to provide a framework for the processes and procedures to be followed in the compilation of the annual three-year budgets for both operating and capital expenditure. The framework will serve as a guideline to all departments and municipal entities for the compilation of operational business plans and budgets. This Policy document will also be the guiding document when the metro does its reporting to Council and all provincial and national government departments. It is intended that this Policy will enhance compliance with the MFMA and its Regulations. The primary objectives are:

- To ensure effective budget preparation, implementation and monitoring; and
- To ensure compliance with the MFMA Budget and Reporting Regulations.

This policy deals with the following:

- Budget management and oversight;
- Shifting of funds within votes (this aspect is covered in detail in the Virement Policy);
- Introduction of adjustments budget;
- Unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure; and
- Unauthorised expenditure approved by the Executive Mayor.

3. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

The National Treasury issued the Municipal Budget and reporting Regulations on the 17th April 2009 in Government Gazette number 32141. The regulations came into effect on the 1st July 2009.

The regulations deal with, amongst others, the following matters:

- Roles and responsibilities in the budget process;
- Conditions for passing of an adjustment budget, including;
 - Only one main adjustments budget may be considered by Council, but there are a number of exceptions where adjustments budgets can be dealt with, namely,
 - If a national or provincial adjustments budget allocates additional revenue to a municipality;

- When unforeseeable and unavoidable expenditure is incurred and approved by the Executive Mayor;
- Approval of roll-overs (to be approved before the 25th August annually);
- Approval of un-authorised expenditure when the Mayor tables the annual report.
- In-year reports must be prepared in the prescribed format;
- The monthly budget statements must be placed on the municipality's website;
- Municipal entities must comply with a similar process as prescribed to municipalities.

4. BACKGROUND

According to the MFMA section 62, the accounting officer of a municipality is responsible for managing the financial administration of the municipality, and must for this purpose take all reasonable steps to ensure

- That the resources of the municipality are used effectively, efficiently and economically;
- That full and proper records of the financial affairs of the municipality are kept in accordance with any prescribed norms and standards;
- That the municipality has and maintains effective, efficient and transparent systems of financial and risk management and internal control, and of internal audit operating in accordance with any prescribed norms and standards; and
- That unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure and other losses are prevented.

It is against this backdrop that the City realised a need for a Budget Implementation and Monitoring Policy.

The Policy aims to:

- Establish and maintain a framework by which managers can compile, control and review departmental and municipal entities' (MEs) budgets to ensure efficient and effective financial management;
- Ensure that funds are managed prudently and transparently; and
- Ensure compliance with the provisions of the MFMA and the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations.

The Policy provides guidelines and procedures with regard to:

- Roles and responsibilities of the Executive Mayor, City Manager, Chief Financial Officer and other senior officials in the budgeting and financial management processes of the City;
- The compilation of both the operating and capital budget;
- Budget monitoring and reporting;
- Adjustments budget;
- Unavoidable and unforeseen expenditure; and
- Unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Role of the Mayor (sections 52-59 MFMA)

The role of the Executive Mayor is detailed in sections 52- 59 of the MFMA. In terms of section 53 of the Act the Mayor of a municipality must-

- 5.1.1 Provide general political guidance over the budget process and the priorities that must guide the preparation of a budget;
- 5.1.2 Coordinate the annual revision of the integrated development plan in terms of section 34 of the Municipal Systems Act and the preparation of the annual budget, and determine how the integrated development plan is to be taken into account or revised for the purpose of the budget; and
- 5.1.3 Take all reasonable steps to ensure that-
 - (a) the municipality approves its annual budget before the start of the budget year;
 - (b) the municipality's service delivery and budget implementation plan is approved by the mayor within 28 days after the approval of the budget;
 - (c) the annual performance agreements as required in terms of section 57(1) (b) of the Municipal Systems Act for the municipal manager and all senior managers (cc) are concluded in accordance with section 57(2) of the Municipal Systems Act.
- 5.1.4 Promptly report to the municipal council and the MEC for finance in the province any delay in the tabling of an annual budget, the approval of the service delivery and budget implementation plan or the signing of the annual performance agreements.
- 5.1.5 The Mayor must, within 30 days of the end of each quarter, submit a report to the council on the implementation of the budget and the financial State of affairs of the municipality;
- 5.1.6 The Mayor must ensure-
 - (a) that the revenue and expenditure projections for each month and service delivery targets and performance indicators for each quarter, as set out in the SDBIP, are made public no later than 14 days after the approval of the SDBIP; and
 - (b) that the performance agreements of the municipal manager and any other categories of officials as may be prescribed, are made public no later than 14 days after the approval of the municipality's SDBIP. Copies of such performance agreements must be submitted to the council and the MEC for local government in the province.
- 5.1.7 Check whether the municipality's approved budget is implemented in accordance with the service delivery and budget implementation plan.
- 5.1.8 Issue Instructions to the accounting officer to ensure that the budget is implemented in accordance with the service delivery and budget

implementation plan and that spending of funds and revenue collection proceed in accordance with the budget.

5.1.9 In terms of section 56 of the Act the Mayor must give guidance to the municipality in exercising its rights and powers over Municipal Entities(MEs) in a way-

- (a) that would reasonably ensure that MEs complies with the Act and at all times remain accountable to the municipality; and
- (b) that would not impede the entity from performing its operational responsibilities.

5.1.10 In terms of regulation 4(1) of the MBRR, the Mayor must establish a Budget Steering Committee to provide technical assistance with regard to the budget process and related matters. Such a committee must consist of at least the following people:

- (a) MMC for Finance
- (b) The City Manager
- (c) The CFO
- (d) Senior managers responsible for at least the three largest votes in the municipality
- (e) The manager responsible for budgeting
- (f) The manager responsible for planning
- (g) Technical experts on infrastructure

5.2 Role of the Accounting Officer (Municipal Manager)

The Municipal Manager is the accounting officer and the administrative authority for the municipality. The City Manager is accountable to the Executive Mayor for the implementation of specific agreed outputs. The City Manager is also accountable to Council for the overall administration of the municipality.

The City Manager must be fully aware of the reforms required in order to provide the Executive Mayor, councillors, senior officials and municipal entities with the appropriate guidance and advice on financial and budget issues. Whilst the City Manager may delegate many tasks to the Chief Financial Officer or other senior officials, this must be done carefully to ensure that all tasks are completed appropriately.

The Accounting Officer (City Manager) must-

- 5.2.1 Assist the Mayor in performing the budgetary functions assigned to the Mayor in terms of chapters 4 and 7 of the MFMA;
- 5.2.2 Provide the Mayor with the administrative support, resources and information necessary for the performance of those functions;
- 5.2.3 Implement the municipal's approved budget, including taking all reasonable steps to ensure that the spending of funds is in accordance with the budget and is reduced if necessary when revenue is anticipated to be less than projected in the budget or SDBIP;
- 5.2.4 Ensure that revenue and expenditure are properly monitored;

- 5.2.5 When necessary, the accounting officer must prepare an adjustments budget and submit it to the Mayor for consideration and tabling in Council;
- 5.2.6 Report to Council any shortfalls in budget revenue, overspending and necessary steps taken to prevent shortfalls or overspending;
- 5.2.7 Submit to the Mayor actual revenue, borrowings, expenditure and where necessary report on variances on the approved budget;
- 5.2.8 By 25 January of each year assess the performance of the municipality during the first half of the financial year, and submit a report on such assessment to the Mayor, the National Treasury and the Provincial Treasury;
- 5.2.9 Such an assessment should take into account the following:
 - (a) The monthly statements referred to in section 71 of the Act for the first half of the financial year;
 - (b) The municipality's service delivery performance during the first half of the financial year, and service delivery targets implementation plan;
 - (c) The past year's annual report, and progress on resolving problems identified in the annual report; and
 - (d) The performance of every municipal entity under the sole or shared control of the municipality, taking into account reports in terms of section 88 of the Act from any such entities.

5.3 Role of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

The Chief Financial Officer is the administrative head of the Budget and Treasury Office. The CFO has an essential function of assisting the City Manager to carry out his or her financial management responsibilities, in areas ranging from budget preparation to financial reporting and the development and maintenance of internal control procedures. The CFO plays a central role in implementing financial reforms at the direction of the City Manager with the assistance of appropriately skilled staff.

The CFO of a municipality-

- 5.3.1 is administratively in charge of the Budget and Treasury Office;
- 5.3.2 must advise the accounting officer on the exercise of powers and duties assigned to the accounting officer in terms of the MFMA;
- 5.3.3 must assist the accounting officer in the administration of the municipality's bank accounts and in the preparation and implementation of the municipality's budget;
- 5.3.4 must advise senior managers and other senior officials in the exercise of powers and duties assigned to them in terms of section 78 or delegated to them in terms of section 79 of the Act; and
- 5.3.5 must perform such budgeting, accounting, analysis, financial reporting, cash management, debt management, supply chain

management, financial management, review and other duties as may, in terms of section 79, be delegated by the accounting officer to the chief financial officer. The CFO is accountable to the accounting officer for the performance of the duties outlined above.

5.4 The role of senior managers and other officials

According to section 78 of the MFMA, the following are the roles to be carried out by the senior managers and other officials:

- 5.4.1 Ensure that the system of financial management and internal controls established for the municipality is carried out diligently;
- 5.4.2 Ensure that resources of the municipality are utilised effectively efficiently, economically and transparently;
- 5.4.3 Prevent unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure and other losses;
- 5.4.4 Collection of revenue;
- 5.4.5 Safeguarding and maintenance of assets;
- 5.4.6 Submission of information to the accounting officer for compliance with the Act.

5.5 Role of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

The CEO of a municipal entity is the accounting officer of that entity. Sections 93- 107 of the Act detail the roles and responsibilities of the CEO in the following broad categories:

- Fiduciary duties;
- General financial management of the entity;
- Asset and liability management;
- Revenue management;
- Monthly reconciliation of revenue and accounts;
- Expenditure management;
- Budget implementation; and
- Reporting.

6. BUDGET MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT

Section 71(1) of the Municipal Finance Management Act reads, inter alia, as follows:

“The accounting officer of a municipality must by no later than 10 working days after the end of each month submit to the mayor of the municipality and the relevant provincial treasury a statement in the prescribed format on the state of the municipality’s budget reflecting the following particulars for that month and for the financial year up to the end of that month:

- (a) Actual revenue, per revenue source;*
- (b) actual borrowings;*
- (c) actual expenditure, per vote;*
- (d) actual capital expenditure, per vote;*
- (e) the amount of any allocations received;*
- (f) actual expenditure on those allocations, excluding expenditure on—*

- (i) *its share of the local government equitable share; and*
- (ii) *allocations exempted by the annual Division of Revenue Act from compliance with this paragraph; and*
- (g) *when necessary, an explanation of—*
 - (i) *any material variances from the municipality's projected revenue by source, and from the municipality's expenditure projections per vote;*
 - (ii) *any material variances from the service delivery and budget implementation plan; and*
 - (iii) *any remedial or corrective steps taken or to be taken to ensure that projected revenue and expenditure remain within the municipality's approved budget."*

The Finance Department will facilitate the section 71 in-year reporting process as follows:

- Financial month end reports will be available on the **seventh working day of the month**;
- Reports detailing the following information will be circulated to the Senior Management Team and heads of departments:
 - Actual Operating Revenue/Expenditure for the month compared to the budget for the month per category;
 - Actual Operating Revenue/ Expenditure for the year to date compared to the budget for the year to date;
 - Actual Operating Revenue/Expenditure for the year to date compared to the budget for the full year;
 - Capital Budget Expenditure for the month compared to the budget for the month;
 - Capital Budget Expenditure for the year to date compared to the budget for the year to date;
 - Capital Budget Expenditure for the year to date compared to the budget for the full year;
 - Grant allocations received as well as expenditure against those grants for the year to date;
 - Details of unspent grant funding;
 - Other relevant statistics;
- Monthly financial reports will be compiled;
- Reports will be submitted to the executive mayor on the 10th working day of each month;
- Each head of department will be required to analyse the financial results of his/her department;
- Automated budget monitoring will be implemented through the blocking of all financial transactions (placing of orders, payments, journals, etc.) unless sufficient budget is available on the relevant vote on the financial system;
- Salary integration journals will be excluded from the abovementioned process. Financial control on salary payments will be affected through the Payday integration and data integrity check process;
- Any anticipated over-expenditures must be reported to the chief financial officer as soon as it is identified by the relevant head of department;
- Re-prioritisation of budgets will be allowed to facilitate shifting of funds towards anticipated over-expenditure items as identified above.

6.1 Budget Information Forum

The Budget Information Forum (BIF) is not a legislated Council structure, rather it is an informal consultative interdepartmental structure that provides inputs into the

budget. In this forum, the MMC for Finance conducts one-on-ones with the MMCs of the other departments to obtain their inputs in the budget. The following are some of the functions and responsibilities of the BIF;

- The purpose of the Budget Information Forum (BIF) is to provide Budget Office (BO) with a broad understanding of what is happening in departments through continuous monitoring and reporting on municipal performance;
- BIF will serve as a recognised working committee of IBALCO and Budget Steering Committee;
- Provide assistance and support to departments in respect of compliance with MFMA thereby promoting the objectives of the Act and all other statutory regulations;
- To monitor, report and clarify any progress, risk and challenges emanating from Sec 71-72 reports, mid-year, IBALCO and Budget Steering Committee assessment;
- To promote alignment and synergy with any existing IGR structures to form alignment and integration to avoid any possible duplication with respect to functioning and work programmes of such structures;
- The BIF will be used to update the information system with the relevant reports, departmental responses and any other supporting document from the engagement. This will be done in conjunction with the Information Management Directorate;
- Establish needs and support requirements from departments for Finance;
- Present on any MFMA Legislative reforms and prescripts;
- Share financial management best practices;
- Serve as a Mini municipal CFO forum; and
- The BIF Team will work together to understand the business of the departments within the context of the Municipality as a whole and the changing context within the municipality.

The BIF Team should be seen as think tank and able to answer on all the questions that can be raised about the Municipality and all departments. The responses should inform any enquiry or assessment of the relevant department for which they are responsible.

7. SHIFTING OF FUNDS WITHIN VOTES (VIREMENTS)

A separate policy has been compiled and is tabled as Annexure D17 (Virement) of the Budget Related Policies.

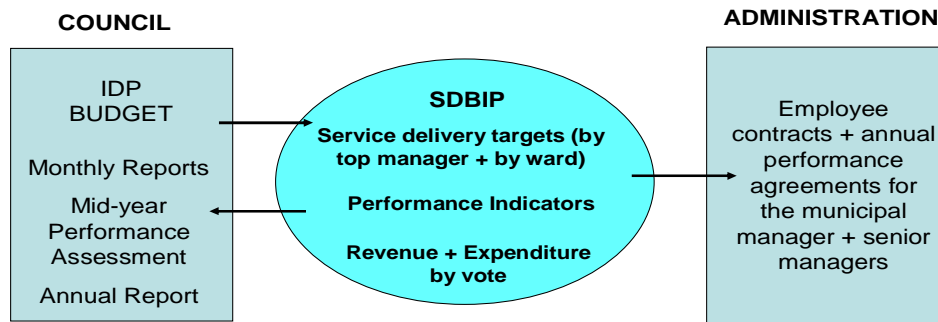
8. INTRODUCTION OF AN ADJUSTMENTS BUDGET

The SDBIP gives effect to the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and the municipality's budget as one aligned process in conjunction with the performance agreements of senior managers.

The SDBIP serves as a 'contract' between the administration, council and community expressing the goals and objectives set by council as quantifiable outcomes that can be implemented by the administration over the next twelve months. This provides the basis for measuring performance in service delivery against targets and implementing the budget. The SDBIP can be summarized visually as follows: ¹

¹ MFMA Circular 13 issued February 2005

What is an SDBIP?



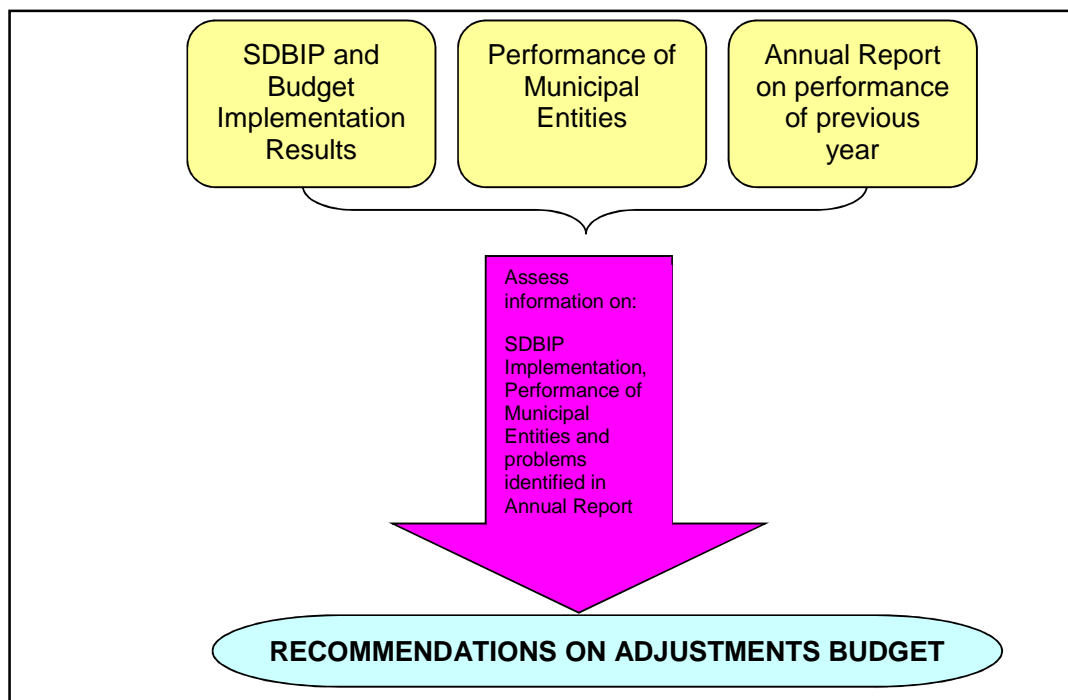
For the SDBIP to be useful, regular reporting is essential. Various progress reports must be submitted to Council for consideration during January of each year. These reports include:

The quarterly SDBIP report – Section 52(d) of the MFMA stipulates that the mayor must, within 30 days after the end of each quarter, submit a report to Council on the Implementation of the Budget and the Financial State of Affairs of the municipality.

Mid-year Assessment of the Budget – Section 72 of the MFMA states that the accounting officer must, by the 25th January of each year assess the performance of the municipality during the first half of the financial year taking the monthly financial results, the SDBIP results, the past year's annual report and the performance of the municipal entities.

Adjustments Budget - Section 72 of the MFMA further states that the accounting officer must, as part of the Mid-Year Assessment of the budget, make recommendations as to whether an adjustments budget is necessary and recommend revised projections for revenue and expenditure to the extent that this may be necessary.

Visually, the process can be summarized as follows:



Only one main adjustments budget may be considered by Council resulting from the mid-year review, but there are a number of exceptions where adjustments budgets can be dealt with:

- If a national or provincial adjustments budget allocates additional revenue to a municipality;
- When unforeseeable and unavoidable expenditure is incurred and approved by the mayor;
- Approval of roll-overs (to be approved before the 25th August annually); and
- Approval of un-authorised expenditure when the mayor tables the annual report.

The annual mid-year review will be performed during January of each year. The main adjustments budget will be commenced with during January, but Council will have the prerogative to deal with the adjustments budget either during January or at the latest February annually.

The adjustments budget will be considered by the Budget Steering Committee and the Mayoral Committee prior to it being finally approved by Council.

The Finance Department will facilitate the requests for shifting of funds between votes. All needs identified between July and December annually must be communicated to the Finance department for the preparation of a consolidated report.

Additional allocations to departments will only be considered if actual revenue has significantly exceeded budgeted revenue for the first six months of the year and it is realistically anticipated that the trend will continue for the second half of the year **or** if new revenue not budgeted for has been received **or** if additional national or provincial adjustments budget allocations were made to the municipality.

If any budget amendments result in a change in the SDBIP outcomes, departments will be allowed to submit revised SDBIP's to Council for consideration. A reduction in SDBIP targets as a result of sub-standard performance will not be considered as part of the adjustments budget process.

The adjustments budget must follow the process and be in the format as prescribed by Part 4 of the MFMA Budget and Reporting Regulations.

Once the adjustments have been approved by Council, the Solar financial system will be updated where-after departments will be allowed to process financial transactions.

Adjustments budgets other than the main adjustments budget resulting from the mid-year review will be considered as follows:

Approval of roll-overs (to be approved before the 25th August annually)

Projects funded from Provincial or National Government Grants, or other externally funded sources where projects were scheduled for completion by 30 June annually, but, due to unforeseen delays are not completed by 30 June and no provision for completion of the projects were made in the annual budget, will be considered for roll-overs.

For projects to be considered, the following conditions must be met:

Externally Funded Projects

- Funding must have been received, or a legally binding written commitment for funding to be transferred must have been received;
- National and/or Provincial government must have approved the rollover of the funding in terms of the conditions of the Division of Revenue Act (i.e. no surrendering of funds applicable); and
- Projects must have been committed and/or commenced with.

Internally Funded Projects

- In cases where under spending on a specific project is known before Council will be considering the budget for the next financial year, the amount of the under spending on the project be provided as a roll-over (additional funding) on the budget of the next financial year, provided the following conditions are met:
 - The under spending remains a saving in the first financial year upon conclusion of the annual financial statements;
 - The project is funded from external loans; and
 - The external loans of the next financial year are not reduced and the total loans as per the MTREF are taken up.
- In cases where the under spending on a specific project was not known at the time when the budget for the next financial year was considered by Council, the under spending be approved as a roll over (additional funding) and be approved by Council before the 25th of August of the following financial year, provided the following conditions are met:
 - The under spending remains a saving in the first financial year upon conclusion of the annual financial statements;
 - The project is funded from external loans; and
 - The external loans of the next financial year are not reduced and the total loans as per the MTEF are taken up.
- That in both cases mentioned above, the relevant department will have to submit proof to the satisfaction of the Enterprise Programme Management Office that a realistic project plan and cash flow forecast was in place at the start of the financial year and that the under spending was caused by unforeseen circumstances that emerged after the conclusion of the budget.

The chief financial officer will, annually during July, allow departments the opportunity to submit requests for budget adjustments where the above conditions are met.

An adjustments budget will be submitted to Council for consideration at the August council meeting.

The adjustments budget must follow the process and be in the format as prescribed by Part 4 of the MFMA Budget and Reporting Regulations.

Once the adjustments have been approved by Council, the Solar financial system will be updated where-after departments will be allowed to process financial transactions.

If a national or provincial adjustments budget allocates additional revenue to a municipality

Additional allocations made to the municipality resulting from a National or Provincial adjustments budget will be dealt with in an adjustments budget.

For an adjustments budget to be considered, the following conditions must be met:

- Funding must have been received, or gazetted in an amended Division of Revenue Act.
- Projects must be able to be completed by the end of the financial year, or funding must be available for use after the financial year in terms of the conditions of the Division of Revenue Act.

The chief financial officer will annually, after the Provincial or National adjustments budgets are announced, allow departments the opportunity to submit requests for budget adjustments where the above conditions are met.

An adjustments budget will be submitted to Council for consideration at the next council meeting.

The adjustments budget must follow the process and be in the format as prescribed by Part 4 of the MFMA Budget and Reporting Regulations.

Once the adjustments have been approved by Council, the Venus financial system will be updated where-after departments will be allowed to process financial transactions.

9. UNFORESEEABLE AND UNAVOIDABLE EXPENDITURE

The MFMA Budget and Reporting Regulations prescribe the process to be followed for the approval of unforeseeable and unavoidable expenditure.

Unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure are expenditure that:

- Could not have been foreseen at the time the annual budget of the municipality was passed;
- The delay that will be caused by a pending adjustments budget may:
 - Result in significant financial loss for the municipality;
 - Cause a disruption or suspension or serious threat to the continuation of municipal services;
 - Lead to loss of life or serious injury or significant damage to property; and
 - Obstruct the municipality from instituting or defending legal proceedings on an urgent basis.

No unavoidable expenditure exceeding R15 million may be approved during a financial year.

Any department becoming aware of the need to incur unforeseen or unavoidable expenditure must immediately approach the Chief Financial Officer with the full details on the unforeseen expenditure, providing information on the consequences of not incurring the expenditure as well as an indication of the expected cost (both for the current year as well as any recurring cost resulting from the event). A confirmation that the expenditure does not constitute expenditure that may not be allowed by the Executive Mayor as per section 73(2) of the MFMA Budget and Reporting Regulations must be given by the department when approaching the CFO.

The CFO will determine whether the cost cannot be dealt with through a process of shifting of funds within the relevant votes. If sufficient funds are available for shifting within the vote, the shifting of funds process will be followed. If not, the matter will be reported to the City Manager for consideration as unforeseen and unavoidable expenditure.

Once the City Manager has granted approval, the relevant head of department will be authorised to submit a report to the executive mayor requesting approval. If approval is granted, the Solar financial system will be adjusted to allow the department to process the financial transaction.

The abovementioned process will be dealt with as highest priority to ensure that administrative delays do not exacerbate the situation.

An adjustments budget will be submitted to the next Council meeting. The preferred process would be to shift funds between votes to avoid any negative impact on the total cash position of council.

10. APPROVAL OF UN-AUTHORISED, IRREGULAR, FRUITLESS AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE

The MFMA defines unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure as follows:

“unauthorised expenditure”, in relation to a municipality, means any expenditure incurred by a municipality otherwise than in accordance with section 15 or 11(3), and includes—

- (a) overspending of the total amount appropriated in the municipality’s approved budget;
- (b) overspending of the total amount appropriated for a vote in the approved budget;
- (c) expenditure from a vote unrelated to the department or functional area covered by the vote;
- (d) expenditure of money appropriated for a specific purpose, otherwise than for that specific purpose;
- (e) spending of an allocation referred to in paragraph (b), (c) or (d) of the definition of “allocation” otherwise than in accordance with any conditions of the allocation; or
- (f) a grant by the municipality otherwise than in accordance with this Act;

“irregular expenditure”, in relation to a municipality or municipal entity, means-

(a) expenditure incurred by a municipality or municipal entity in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of this Act, and which has not been condoned in terms of section 170;

(b) expenditure incurred by a municipality or municipal entity in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of the Municipal Systems Act, and which has not been condoned in terms of that Act;

(c) expenditure incurred by a municipality in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of the Public Office-Bearers Act, 1998 (Act No 20 of 1998); or

(d) expenditure incurred by a municipality or municipal entity in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of the supply chain management policy of the municipality or entity or any of the municipality's by-laws giving effect to such policy, and which has not been condoned in terms of such policy or by-law, but excludes expenditure by a municipality which falls within the definition of "unauthorised expenditure";

"fruitless and wasteful expenditure" means expenditure that was made in vain and would have been avoided had reasonable care been exercised;

Any unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure as defined above must be disclosed in the Annual Financial Statements by the Chief Financial Officer.

The Accounting Officer will investigate all cases of unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure as disclosed in the Annual Financial Statements and report his or her findings to the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC). MPAC must consider the report of the Accounting Officer. The following requirements for recovering of cost must be considered:

Section 32 of the MFMA:

32(1) Without limiting liability in terms of the common law or other legislation—

- (a) a political office-bearer of a municipality is liable for unauthorised expenditure if that office-bearer knowingly or after having been advised by the accounting officer of the municipality that the expenditure is likely to result in unauthorised expenditure, instructed an official of the municipality to incur the expenditure;
 - (b) the accounting officer is liable for unauthorised expenditure deliberately or negligently incurred by the accounting officer, subject to subsection (3);
 - (c) any political office-bearer or official of a municipality who deliberately or negligently committed, made or authorised an irregular expenditure, is liable for that expenditure; or
 - (d) any political office-bearer or official of a municipality who deliberately or negligently made or authorised a fruitless and wasteful expenditure is liable for that expenditure.
- (2) A municipality must recover unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure from the person liable for that expenditure unless the expenditure—
- (a) in the case of unauthorised expenditure, is—
 - (i) authorised in an adjustments budget; or
 - (ii) certified by the municipal council, after investigation by a council committee, as irrecoverable and written off by the council; and

- (b) *in the case of irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure, is, after investigation by a council committee, certified by the council as irrecoverable and written off by the council.*
- (3) *If the accounting officer becomes aware that the council, the mayor or the executive committee of the municipality, as the case may be, has taken a decision which, if implemented, is likely to result in unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure, the accounting officer is not liable for any ensuing unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure provided that the accounting officer has informed the council, the mayor or the executive committee, in writing, that the expenditure is likely to be unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure."*

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee will submit a report to Council where after the unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure will be considered for approval, recovery of cost, write-off with or without disciplinary and/or criminal proceedings.

The accounting officer must ensure compliance with the MFMA reporting requirements in respect of unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure, including criminal proceedings where applicable.

11. MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 11.1 As from 01 July 2009 internal and external reporting will be done in accordance with the prescribed formats in the MBRR.
- 11.2 When MEs submit their budget statements to the City Manager, they must also submit a copy of the statement no later than seven working days after the end of the month to-
 - (a) the chairperson of the Board of Directors;
 - (b) other municipalities affected by the entity's annual budget; and
 - (c) any other organ of state, on request.
- 11.3 Tabling in Council of the mid- year budget and performance assessment report of the City must include mid- year budget and performance assessment reports of all MEs.
- 11.4 In terms of regulation 5 of the MBRR, whenever an annual budget and its Supporting documentation, an adjustment budget and its supporting documentation or an in-year report of the City is submitted to the Mayor, Council, made public or submitted to another organ of state, it must be accompanied by a quality certificate complying with Schedule A, B or C, as the case may be, and signed by the City Manager.
- 11.5 Regulation 36 of the MBRR requires that, whenever an annual budget and supporting documentation, an adjustment budget and supporting documentation, or directors or parent municipality, tabled in the Council, made public or submitted to another organ of state, it must be accompanied by a quality certificate complying with Schedule D, E or F, as the case be, signed by the CEO.

12. NON- COMPLIANCE

- 12.1 Regulations 60- 70 of the MBRR prescribes matters dealing with non- compliance by municipalities and MEs with time lines and deadlines concerning annual budgets, adjustments budget and in- year reports.
- 12.2 In an event that the City or a ME fails to comply with the timelines and deadlines concerning annual budgets, adjustments budget or in- year reports, an application must be lodged in the format prescribed by the regulations.

13. COORDINATION AND CONSOLIDATION

- 13.1 Budget Office will coordinate and consolidate all submissions by departments and MEs to Council, on budgets and related issues covered in this Policy.
- 13.2 Budget Office will from time to time issue out formats and guidelines to all departments and MEs on budgets and related matters covered in this Policy.

14. IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

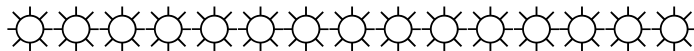
- 14.1 This Policy shall be implemented once approved by Council.
- 14.2 In terms of section 17(3) (e) of the MFMA, this Policy must be reviewed on an annual basis and any proposed arguments or amendments tabled to Council for consideration and approval.

15. OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

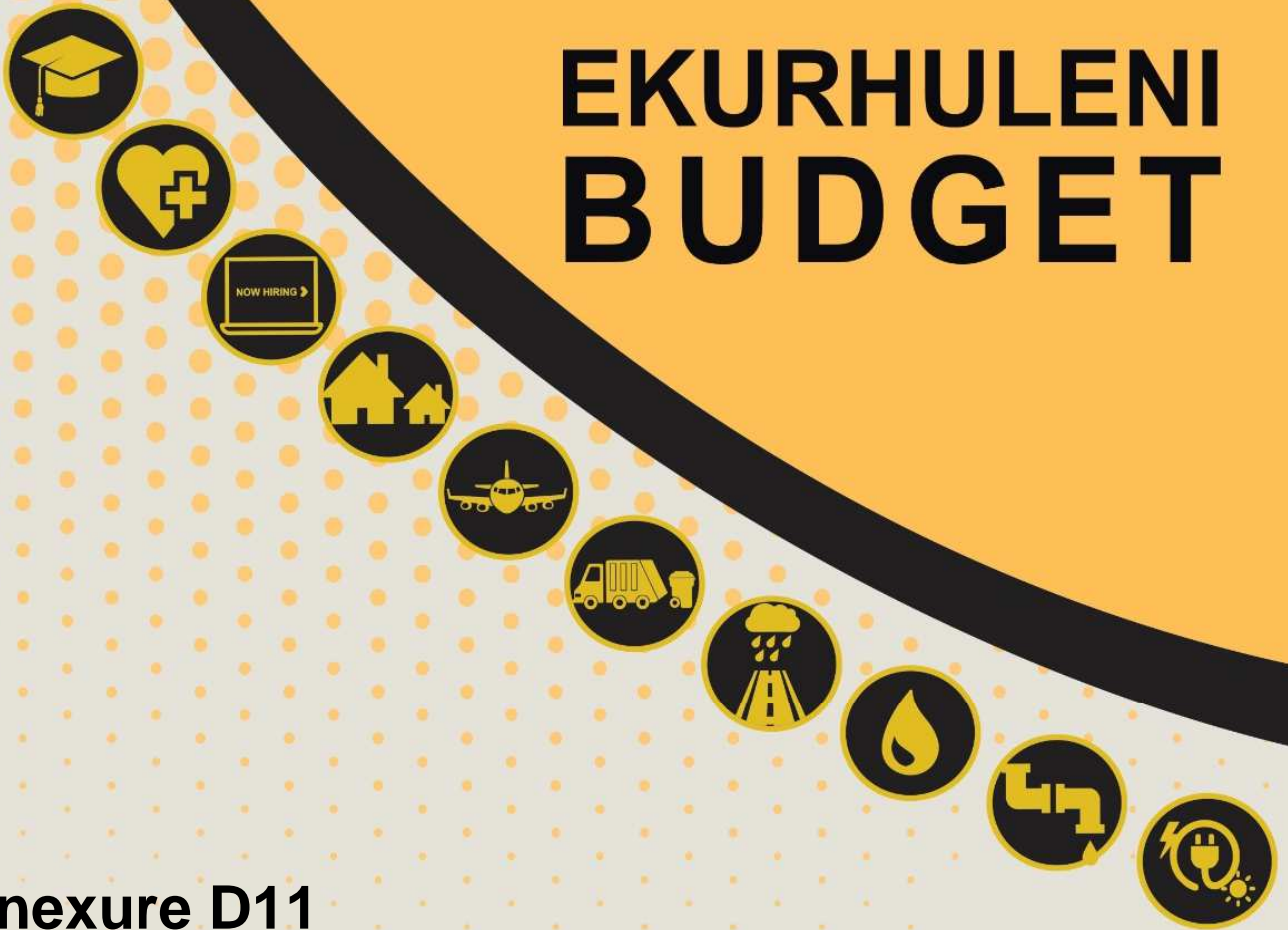
- 15.1 This Policy must be read in conjunction with any applicable delegation of powers to the MMC: Finance, ICT and Economic Development, and the CFO relating to the management of the budget of the City.

16. EFFECTIVE DATE

This reviewed policy will be effective as from 1 July 2020.



EKURHULENI BUDGET



Annexure D11

MUNICIPAL ENTITY FINANCIAL SUPPORT POLICY

2020-2021

*20 years of a responsive and modern
public service partner that fosters change
towards building a better Ekurhuleni*

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MUNICIPAL ENTITIES FINANCIAL SUPPORT POLICY

1. APPLICATION AND SCOPE

The Borrowing Policy is applicable to the City of Ekurhuleni as well as to all the City's Municipal Entities, being:

- Brakpan Bus Company SOC Ltd (**BBC**)
- East Rand Water Care Company NPC (**ERWAT**); and
- Ekurhuleni Housing Company SOC Ltd (**EHC**), t/a Ekurhuleni Housing Company
- The policy ***as amended*** will be effective as from 1 July 2019.

2. OBJECTIVES OF POLICY

To regulate the financial support provided by the City of Ekurhuleni to its Municipal Entities to ensure optimum use is made of financial support.

Specific objectives:

- To regulate the financial support given to municipal entities;
- To ensure compliance with the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003; and
- To provide for roll over of grants provided to entities if unspent at the end of the financial year.

3. INTRODUCTION

Regular requests are received for financial and other support from the municipal entities. It is not a sound principle to evaluate requests for financial support on an ad hoc basis only, but it is preferable to have a framework within which requests will be considered.

Options include, but are not limited to:

- Bulk contributions received from developers used to fund additional capacity requirements.
- Negotiation of consolidated borrowings for City of Ekurhuleni and entities at more beneficial rates than what entities can obtain loan funding.
- Direct transfers to subsidize operating expenditure of municipal entities.
- Nominal lease agreements for use of City of Ekurhuleni assets.
- Entities that are not financially viable be incorporated into City OF Ekurhuleni administration.

4. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

Chapter 10 of the MFMA provides the legislative framework for municipal entities.

The following sections of the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003 (MFMA) are specifically quoted to emphasise the nature of the relationship between the City of Ekurhuleni and the Municipal Entities:

Section 87 - Budgets

- (1) The board of directors of a municipal entity must for each financial year submit a proposed budget for the entity to its parent municipality not later than 150 days before the start of the entity's financial year or earlier if requested by the parent municipality.*
- (4) The board of directors of a municipal entity must approve the budget of the municipal entity not later than 30 days before the start of the financial year, taking into account any hearings or recommendations of the council of the parent municipality.*
- (5) The budget of a municipal entity must-*
 - (a) be balanced;*
 - (c) be within any limits determined by the entity's parent municipality, including any limits on tariffs, revenue, expenditure and borrowing;*
 - (d) include a multi-year business plan for the entity that-*
 - (iv) reflect actual and potential liabilities and commitments, including particulars of any proposed borrowing of money during the period to which the plan relates; and*
- (7) Any projected allocation to a municipal entity from its parent municipality must be provided for in the annual budget of the parent municipality, and to the extent not so provided, the entity's budget must be adjusted.*

Section 89 - Remuneration packages

The parent municipality of a municipal entity must—

- (a) determine the upper limits of the salary, allowances and other benefits of the chief executive officer and senior managers of the entity; and*
- (b) monitor and ensure that the municipal entity reports to the council on all expenditure incurred by that municipal entity on directors and staff remuneration matters, and in a manner that discloses such expenditure per type of expenditure namely:*

Section 90 - Disposal of capital assets

- (1) A municipal entity may not transfer ownership as a result of a sale or other transaction or otherwise dispose of a capital asset needed to provide the minimum level of basic municipal services.*

- (2) *A municipal entity may transfer ownership or otherwise dispose of a capital asset other than an asset contemplated in subsection (1), but only after the council of its parent municipality, in a meeting open to the public—*
 - (a) *has decided on reasonable grounds that the asset is not needed to provide the minimum level of basic municipal services; and*
 - (b) *has considered the fair market value of the asset and the economic and community value to be received in exchange for the asset.*
- (3) *A decision by a municipal council that a specific capital asset is not needed to provide the minimum level of basic municipal services may not be reversed by the municipality or municipal entity after that asset has been sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of.*
- (4) *A municipal council may delegate to the accounting officer of a municipal entity its power to make the determinations referred to in subsection (2) (a) and (b) in respect of movable capital assets of the entity below a value determined by the council.*
- (5) *Any transfer of ownership of a capital asset in terms of subsection (2) or (4) must be fair, equitable, transparent and competitive and consistent with the supply chain management policy which the municipal entity must have and maintain in terms of section 111.*
- (6) *This section does not apply to the transfer of a capital asset to a municipality or another municipal entity or to a national or provincial organ of state in circumstances and in respect of categories of assets approved by the National Treasury provided that such transfers are in accordance with a prescribed framework.*

Section 94 - Fiduciary duties of accounting officers

- (1) *The accounting officer of a municipal entity must-*
 - (a) *exercise utmost care to ensure reasonable protection of the assets and records of the entity;*
 - (b) *seek, within the sphere of influence of that accounting officer, to prevent any prejudice to the financial interests of the parent municipality or the municipal entity.*

Section 101 - Impending under collection, shortfalls, overspending, overdrafts, and non-payment

- (1) *The accounting officer of a municipal entity must report, in writing, to the board of directors of the entity, at its next meeting, and to the accounting officer of the entity's parent municipality any financial problems of the entity, including-*
 - (b) *any steps taken to rectify such financial problems.*

Section 108 - Borrowing of money

- (1) *A municipal entity may borrow money, but only in accordance with-*
 - (a) *the entity's multi-year business plan referred to in section 87(5) (d); and*
 - (b) *the provisions of Chapter 6 to the extent that those provisions can be applied by a municipal entity.*

Section 109 - Financial problems in municipal entities

If a municipal entity experiences serious or persistent financial problems and the board of directors of the entity fails to act effectively, the parent municipality must either-

- (a) take appropriate steps in terms of its rights and powers over that entity, including its rights and powers in terms of any relevant service delivery or other agreement;*
- (b) impose a financial recovery plan, which must meet the same criteria set out in section 142 for a municipal financial recovery plan; or*
- (c) liquidate and disestablish the entity.*

5. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The following support will be provided to the Municipal Entities in line with the provisions of the MFMA:

Brakpan Bus Company SOC Ltd (BBC)

- Use of council-owned buses as per the conditions contained in the Lease Agreement. The further recapitalisation of the bus fleet will be subject to the availability of funds in the capital budget of the City of Ekurhuleni.
- Use of council owned facilities as per the conditions contained in the Lease Agreement.
- Administrative support in relation to financial management (on request) at no cost to the BBC with the express provision that the accountability remains with the accounting officer of the entity.
- Direct financial support to be considered on a year-to-year basis by Council, subject to availability of finance and/or budget provision at the City of Ekurhuleni.
- Guarantee of borrowings of entity subject to financial viability of proposed borrowings.
- Any other support will be provided in terms of the service level agreement, but subject to the availability of resources in the City of Ekurhuleni.

Ekurhuleni Housing Company SOC Ltd (EHC)

- Administrative support in relation to financial management (on request) at no cost to the EHC with the express provision that the accountability remains with the accounting officer of the entity.
- Direct financial support to be considered on a year-to-year basis by Council, subject to availability of finance and/or budget provision at the City of Ekurhuleni.
- Guarantee of borrowings of entity subject to financial viability of proposed borrowings.
- Any other support will be provided in terms of the service level agreement, but subject to the availability of resources in the City of Ekurhuleni.

East Rand Water Care Company NPC (ERWAT)

- ERWAT, as service provider to the City of Ekurhuleni, should set cost reflective tariffs which must include both operational and capital cost related to the rendering of the service. To this end, the City of Ekurhuleni be made available from the City of Ekurhuleni Urban Settlement Development Grant (USDG) allocation to ensure that bulk sewer infrastructure is available to service the City of Ekurhuleni community.
- Bulk contributions received from developers used to fund additional capacity requirements.

- Guarantee of borrowings of entity subject to financial viability of proposed borrowings.
- Direct financial support to be considered on a year-to-year basis by Council, subject to availability of finance and/or budget provision at the City of Ekurhuleni.
- Any other support will be provided in terms of the service level agreement, but subject to the availability of resources in the City of Ekurhuleni.

Negotiation of consolidated loans for City of Ekurhuleni and entities at more beneficial rates than what entities can obtain loan funding. Any loans in this regard will be subject to Council approval.

Direct loan funding from the City of Ekurhuleni to the entities are not disallowed by the MFMA, but it is deemed to be impractical and is not recommended for the current medium term period.

Actual expenditure incurred against grants received by municipal entities must be reported to the parent municipality on a quarterly basis. The entity must apply for the roll-over of the unspent portion at the end of the financial year. The City of Ekurhuleni Council will consider the merit of the roll over request and approve if sufficient prove of commitments against the grant can be provided. If the grant has not been committed at the end of the financial year, the amount will be surrendered back to the parent municipality.

6. MONITORING OF PERFORMANCE

Performance of municipal entities as required by Section 87 of the Municipal Systems Act will be managed as follows:

- Municipal entities to submit three years annual and one-year quarterly performance targets to the City of Ekurhuleni as part of the annual budgeting process.
- These targets must be included in both the business plans and Service Delivery Budget Implementation Programme (SDBIP) of the municipal entities.
- These targets will be approved annually by the City of Ekurhuleni as part of the budget process. These targets will constitute the performance level agreement between the City of Ekurhuleni and the entities for the year.
- Quarterly reports providing actual performance against the targets must be submitted to the City of Ekurhuleni Council.
- Actual performance for the year will be included in the consolidated City of Ekurhuleni annual report.

7. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS

Service level agreements shall be entered into between the City of Ekurhuleni and the municipal entities in line with good governance principles.

8. DIVIDEND PREFERENCE

The municipal entities of the City of Ekurhuleni are not for profit organisations and no dividends are declared. The City of Ekurhuleni contributes financially to the entities and any surpluses generated by the entities should be retained by the entity to reduce future year financial dependency on the Metro.

9. APPLICABLE TO ENTITIES

9.1. Recapitalisation of the entity:

- 9.1.1. A request for capitalisation must be in writing and endorsed by the Board of entity.
- 9.1.2. The board must obtain approval from Council.

9.2. Guarantee of Borrowings:

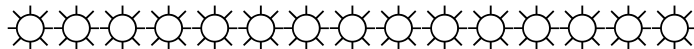
- 9.2.1. A proposal to apply for a loan must be in writing.
- 9.2.2. An entity must indicate the purpose of the loan.
- 9.2.3. Loan threshold levels and approval process shall be applied as follows:
 - R50 000 000 and below must be approved by the Board of entity
 - R50 000 001 –R250 000 000 must be approved by Group Chief Financial Officer
 - R250 000 001- R500 000 000 must be approved by the Shareholder representative (Member of Mayoral Committee (MMC))
 - R500 000 001 and above must be approved by Council

9.3. Shared Services

- 9.3.1. Cost for provision of non-financial services from departments such as risk management and internal audit will not be incurred by the entity.
- 9.3.2. Cost for provision of services provided by the City of Ekurhuleni that require maintenance such as fleet must be incurred by entity.

10. CONCLUSION

Municipal entities have been established to further the service delivery aims of the City of Ekurhuleni. The relationship between the City of Ekurhuleni and the entities should therefore positively contribute towards the joint service delivery aim.



EKURHULENI BUDGET



Annexure D12

ACCOUNTING POLICY

2020-2021

*20 years of a responsive and modern
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1. PRESENTATION OF CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The consolidated annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP), issued by the Accounting Standards Board in accordance with Section 122(3) of the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003).

These consolidated annual financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting and are in accordance with historical cost convention as the basis of measurement, unless specified otherwise. They are presented in South African Rand.

A summary of the significant accounting policies, which have been consistently applied in the preparation of these consolidated annual financial statements, are disclosed below.

1.1 PRESENTATION CURRENCY

These consolidated annual financial statements are presented in South African Rand, which is the functional currency of the City.

1.2 CONSOLIDATION

Basis of consolidation

Consolidated annual financial statements are the consolidated annual financial statements of the economic entity presented as those of a single entity.

The consolidated annual financial statements incorporate the consolidated annual financial statements of the controlling entity and all controlled entity, including special purpose entities, which are controlled by the controlling entity.

Control exists when the controlling entity has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of another entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

The results of controlled entities, are included in the consolidated annual financial statements from the effective date of acquisition or date when control commences to the effective date of disposal or date when control ceases. The difference between the proceeds from the disposal of the controlled entity and its carrying amount as of the date of disposal, including the cumulative amount of any exchange differences that relate to the controlled entity recognised in net assets in accordance with the Standard of GRAP on The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates, is recognised in the consolidated Statement of Financial Performance as the surplus or deficit on the disposal of the controlled entity.

An investment in the City is accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy on financial instruments from the date that it ceases to be a controlled entity, unless it becomes an associate or a jointly controlled entity, in which case it is accounted for as such. The carrying amount of the investment at the date that the entity ceases to be a controlled entity is regarded as the fair value on initial recognition of a financial asset in accordance with the accounting policy on financial instruments.

The consolidated annual financial statements of the controlling entity and its controlled entities used in the preparation of the consolidated annual financial statements are prepared as of the same reporting date.

Adjustments are made when necessary to the consolidated annual financial statements of the controlled entities to bring their accounting policies in line with those of the controlling entity.

All intra-entity transactions, balances, revenues and expenses are eliminated in full on consolidation.

Non-controlling interests in the net assets of the economic entity are identified and recognised separately from the controlling entity's interest therein, and are recognised within net assets. Losses applicable to the minority in a consolidated controlled entity may exceed the no controlling interest in the controlled entity's net assets. The excess, and any further losses applicable to the minority, are allocated against the majority interest except to the extent that the minority has a binding obligation to, and is able to, make an additional investment to cover the losses. If the controlled entity subsequently reports surpluses, such surpluses are allocated to the majority interest until the minority's share of losses previously absorbed by the majority has been recovered.

Non-controlling interests in the statement of financial performance of the economic entity is separately disclosed.

1.3 SIGNIFICANT JUDGEMENTS AND SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the process of applying the City's accounting policies, management has made the following significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the annual financial statements. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively:

Going concern

Management considers key financial metrics and approved medium-term budgets, together with the City's dependency on the grants from national and provincial government, to conclude that the going concern assumptions used in the compilation of its consolidated annual financial statements, is appropriate.

Operational lease commitments - City as lessor or less

Leases where risks and rewards of ownership are not transferred to the lessee are classified as operating leases. Payments received or paid under operating leases are recognised in the statement of financial performance on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension and other post - employment benefits

The cost of defined-benefit pension plans and other employment medical benefits is determined using actuarial valuations. The actuarial valuations involves making assumptions about discount rates, expected rates of return on assets, future salary increases, mortality rates and future pension increases. Due to the long-term nature of these plans, such estimates are subject to significant uncertainty. Further assumptions and estimates are disclosed in note 16 to the financial statements.

Cash generating assets

The City is not a profit-oriented entity as its primary objective is service delivery. Tariffs and charges are cost-effective to ensure continued financial sustainability. No profit element is included in the determination of a tariff.

As such, management has determined that the City does not control assets that meet the definition of cash-generating assets, and that the GRAP standard for the impairment of non-cash-generating assets will apply to all assets of the City.

Impairment of receivables

The calculation in respect of the impairment of receivables is based on an assessment of the extent to which debtors have defaulted on payments already due, and an assessment of their ability to make payments. The City first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, and individually or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. Accordingly, management believes no further credit provisions are required in excess of the present allowance for doubtful debts.

Impairment of property, plant and equipment

The calculation in respect of the impairment of property, plant and equipment is based on an assessment of the extent to which the recoverable amount of the asset has declined below carrying amount. This was performed across all classes of property, plant and equipment.

Residual value of property, plant and equipment

Management has determined that none of its infrastructure assets have any active market value, and the value of the amount at the end of their useful lives would therefore be insignificant.

Useful lives of property, plant and equipment and investment property held at cost

The useful lives of assets are based on management's estimates. Management considers the impact of technology, service requirements and required return of assets to determine the optimum useful-life expectation, where appropriate. The estimated residual values of assets are also based on management judgements on whether the assets will be sold or used to the end of their useful lives, and what their condition will be at that time.

Significant delays in assets under construction

The City regards delays in assets under construction of more than three years as significant. Further disclosures are made in notes 3 to 6 to the consolidated annual financial statements.

Investment accounted using the cost model

The City has accounted for the investment in Rand airport using the cost model, the City has 20% shareholding. The reason for accounting this under the cost model is due to the fact that the City has not exercised significant control, does not participate in operations or management decision nor serve on the board of directors of the entity.

Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets

Management's judgement is required when recognising and measuring provisions, as well as when measuring contingent liabilities and contingent assets. Provisions are discounted where the effect of discounting is material using cost of capital.

Traffic Fines

Fines are recognised as revenue when the receivable meets the definition of an asset and satisfies the criteria for recognition as an asset. Assets arising from fines are measured at the best estimate of the inflow of resources to the City.

Budget information

A difference of 8% or more between budget and actual amounts is regarded as material. All material differences are explained in the notes to the consolidated annual financial statements.

Material losses

Material losses are losses that occur due to factors other than normal production and utilisation, and are regarded as material if their omission or misstatement will affect the decisions made by users of the information. The losses disclosed include that of technical losses and non-technical losses related to water and electricity.

Losses that occur due to normal production and utilisation are classified as production costs and factored into the City's tariffs. They, therefore, do not constitute material losses. If actual production and utilisation losses exceed the normal budgeted production and utilisation losses factored into the tariff, this difference is considered material losses.

Service charges

Service charges relating to electricity, water and sanitation are based on consumption. Waste removal is based on the size of the bin and the number of times it is collected. Meters are read and billed on a monthly basis and revenue is recognised when invoiced. Estimates of consumption are made monthly when meter readings have not been performed. The estimates of consumption are recognised as revenue when invoiced. Adjustments to estimates of consumption are made in the invoicing period when meters have been read. These adjustments are recognised as revenue in the invoicing period. Waste removal services are billed on a monthly basis.

Services provided on a prepaid basis

Various services are provided on a prepaid basis in which case no formal billing takes place and revenue associated with the transaction is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date.

1.4 INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Investment property includes property (land or a building, or part of a building, or both land and buildings held under a finance lease) held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, rather than held to meet service delivery objectives, the production or supply of goods or services, or the sale of an asset in the ordinary course of operations.

Investment property is recognised as an asset when, and only when, it is probable that the future economic benefits or service potential that are associated with the investment property will flow to the enterprise, and the cost or fair value of the investment property can be measured reliably.

At initial recognition, the City measures investment property at cost including transaction costs, once it meets the definition of investment property. However, where an investment property was acquired through a non-exchange transaction (i.e. where it acquired the investment property for no or a nominal value), its cost is its fair value as at the date of acquisition.

Cost model

Investment property is subsequently measured using the cost model. Under the cost model, investment property is carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is calculated on the depreciable amount, using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The City depreciates separately each part of an item of investment property that has a cost that is significant in relation to the total cost of the item. A significant part of the item of investment property may have a useful life and depreciation method that are the same as the useful life and depreciation method of another significant part of that same item. Such parts may be grouped on determining the depreciation charge. Costs of replacing parts are capitalised and the existing parts being replaced are derecognised. The annual depreciation rates are based on the following estimated average asset lives:

Item	Useful life
Property - land	Indefinite
Property - buildings	14 - 80 years

Investment property is derecognised on disposal or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefits or service potential are expected from its disposal.

Gains or losses arising from the retirement or disposal of investment property is the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the statement of financial performance in the period of retirement or disposal.

Compensation from third parties for investment property that was impaired, lost or given up is recognised in the statement of financial performance when the compensation becomes receivable.

1.5 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment are tangible non-current assets (including infrastructure assets) that are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, rental to others, or for administrative purposes, and are expected to be used during more than one period.

The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised as an asset when:

it is probable that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the City; and the cost or the fair value of the item can be measured reliably.

Property, plant and equipment is initially measured at cost. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment is the purchase price and other costs attributable to bring the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Trade discounts and rebates are deducted in arriving at the cost. Cost also includes initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the asset and restoring the site on which it is located. Recognition of costs in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment ceases when the item is in the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Servitudes that are acquired with the relevant infrastructure items are capitalised with the relating infrastructure asset when it is an integral part of the asset.

Assets under construction represents capital expenditure incurred on projects not yet completed nor ready for use at period end. Assets under construction are carried at cost.

Property, plant and equipment are subsequently measured at cost, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Where property, plant and equipment are acquired through non-exchange transactions, the cost is deemed to be the item's fair value on the date of acquisition. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment acquired in exchange for a non-monetary asset or monetary assets, or a combination of monetary and non-monetary assets is measured at its fair value. If the acquired item could not be measured at its fair value, its cost was measured at the carrying amount of the asset given up.

Subsequent cost is capitalised when the recognition and measurement criteria of an asset are met.

Items such as spare parts, standby equipment and servicing equipment are recognised when they meet the definition of property, plant and equipment.

The City maintains and acquires assets to provide a social service to the community. The useful lives and economic lives of these assets are equal and consequently no residual values are determined.

The City depreciates separately each part of an item of property, plant and equipment that has a cost that is significant in relation to the total cost of the item. A significant part of an item of property, plant and equipment may have a useful life and a depreciation method that are the same as the useful life and the depreciation method of another significant part of the same item. Such parts may be grouped in determining the depreciation charge. Costs of replacing parts are capitalised and the existing parts being replaced are derecognised. Depreciation is calculated at cost, using the straight-line method, over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciation starts when the asset is available for use.

Assets under construction are not depreciated.

The depreciation rates are based on the following estimated useful lives:

Item	Useful life
Land	Indefinite
Buildings	14 - 80 years

Infrastructure	
Roads and storm water	2 - 100 years

Pedestrian malls	10 - 60 years
Electricity	3 - 100 years
Water	3 - 100 years
Sewer	3 - 100 years
Housing	80 years
Solid Waste	5 - 100 years
ICT	5 - 50 years
Waste water purification works	2 - 82 years

Community

Buildings	14 - 80 years
Recreational facilities	10 - 80 years
Security	5 - 15 years
Landfill sites	10 - 80 years

Other property, plant and equipment

Furniture and fittings	3 - 33 years
Water craft	15 years
Office equipment	3 - 35 years
Specialised plant and equipment	10 - 26 years
Other items of plant and equipment	2 - 29 years
Buildings	20 - 80 years
Specialised vehicles	3 - 20 years
Other vehicles	3 - 28 years

The asset management policy contains the details of the components and their specific useful life estimates.

The residual value, the useful life and the depreciation method of property, plant and equipment are reviewed at least at every reporting date.

Items of property, plant and equipment are derecognised when the asset is disposed of or when there are no further economic benefits or service potential expected from the use of the asset.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying value and is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

The City assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that the City expectations about the residual value and the useful life of an asset have changed since the preceding reporting date. If any such indication exists, the City revises the expected useful life and/or residual value accordingly. The change is accounted for as a change in an accounting estimate.

The depreciation charge for each period is recognised in the statement of financial performance unless it is included in the carrying amount of another asset.

Items of property, plant and equipment are derecognised when the asset is disposed of or when there are no further economic benefits or service potential expected from the use of the asset.

The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of property, plant and equipment is included in the statement of financial performance when the item is derecognised. The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds, if any, and the carrying amount of the item.

Compensation from third parties for items of property, plant and equipment that were impaired, lost or given up is included in surplus or deficit when the compensation becomes receivable.

1.6 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets are identifiable non-monetary assets without physical substance held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, for rental to others, or for administrative purposes are classified and recognised as intangible assets and obligations.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. The cost of an intangible asset is the purchase price and other costs attributable to bring the intangible asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by the City, or where an intangible asset is acquired at no cost, or for a nominal cost, the cost shall be its fair value as at the date of acquisition. Trade discounts and rebates are deducted in arriving at the cost.

Intangible assets acquired separately or internally generated are reported at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

An intangible asset is regarded as having an indefinite useful life when, based on all relevant factors, there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which the asset is expected to generate net cash inflows or service potential. Amortisation is not provided for these intangible assets, but they are tested for impairment annually and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired. For all other intangible assets amortisation is provided on a straight line basis over their useful life.

The amortisation period and the amortisation method for intangible assets are reviewed at each reporting date.

Intangible assets are derecognised on disposal, or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Internally generated brands, mastheads, publishing titles, customer lists and items similar in substance are not recognised as intangible assets.

Amortisation to intangible assets is provided on a straight line basis as follows:

Item	Useful life
Computer software	1 - 23 years
Servitudes	Indefinite

The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an intangible asset is recognised in the statement of financial performance when the asset is derecognised.

An intangible asset arising from development (or from the development phase of an internal project) is recognised when:

- > it is technically feasible to complete the asset so that it will be available for use or sale.
- > there is an intention to complete and use or sell it.
- > there is an ability to use or sell it.
- > it will generate probable future economic benefits or service potential.
- > there are available technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the asset.
- > the expenditure attributable to the asset during its development can be measured reliably.

1.7 HERITAGE ASSETS

A heritage asset is as an asset that has a cultural, environmental, historical, natural, scientific, technological or artistic significance, and is held indefinitely for the benefit of present and future generations.

The City recognises a heritage asset as an asset if it is probable that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the asset will flow to the City, and the cost or fair value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Heritage assets are measured at cost. Where a heritage asset is acquired through a non-exchange transaction, its cost is measured at its fair value as at the date of acquisition. The cost of a purchased heritage asset comprises:

- its purchase price, including import duties and non-refundable purchase taxes, after deducting trade discounts and rebates; and
- any costs directly attributable to bringing the heritage asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Heritage assets are subsequently measured at cost, less accumulated impairment losses. Where a heritage asset is acquired through a non-exchange transaction, its cost is deemed to be its fair value as at the date of acquisition.

Transfers to heritage assets are made only when the asset meets the definition of a heritage asset and transfers from heritage assets are made only when the asset no longer meets the definition of a heritage asset. Transfers to and from heritage assets are done at the carrying amount of the assets transferred at the date of transfer.

The City assess at each reporting date whether there is an indication that it may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the City estimates the recoverable amount or the recoverable service amount of the heritage asset.

Most heritage assets have an indefinite useful life as they are to be preserved for current and future generations and might appreciate in value over time due to their cultural, environmental, historical, natural, scientific, technological and/or artistic significance. Based on this analysis, there is no definite limit to the period over which a heritage asset is expected to be held by the City. The useful life of the heritage asset is therefore likely to be indefinite or the annual depreciation is likely to be immaterial.

The City derecognises heritage asset on disposal, or when no future economic benefits or service potential are expected from its use or disposal. The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of a heritage asset is recognised in the statement of financial performance when the asset is derecognised.

1.8 INVESTMENTS IN CONTROLLED ENTITIES

Investments in controlled entities

Municipal controlled entities are those entities which the City owns or over whose financial and operating policies it has the power to exercise beneficial control.

In the consolidated annual financial statements, investments in controlled entities are eliminated

1.9 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial Instruments

A financial instrument is recognised if the City becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial Assets

A financial asset is any asset that is a cash or contractual right to receive cash. In accordance with the Standards of GRAP 104 the Financial. Assets of the City are classified as follows into the three categories allowed by this standard:

- Financial asset at amortised cost being a non-derivative financial asset with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months, which are classified as non-current asset
- Financial assets measured at fair value being financial assets that meet either of the following conditions:
 - a) Derivatives;
 - b) Combined instruments that are designated at fair value;
 - c) Instruments held for trading;
 - d) Non-derivative financial assets or financial liabilities with fixed or determinable payments that are designated at fair value at initial recognition; or
 - e) Financial instruments that do not meet the definition of financial instruments at amortised cost or financial instruments at cost.

Financial assets measured at cost being investments in residual interests that do not have a quoted market price in an active market, and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured.

The City has the following types of financial assets as reflected on the face of the Statement of Financial Position or in the notes thereto:

Type of financial assets	Classifications
Other investments	amortised cost
Receivables from exchange	amortised cost
Cash and cash equivalents	amortised cost
Long-term receivables	amortised cost
Other investments (unlisted shares)	cost

Financial Liabilities

A financial liability is a contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset to another entity.

The following main categories of financial liabilities and the classification determining how they are measured exist:

- Financial liabilities measured at fair value; or
- Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

The City has the following types of financial liabilities as reflected on the face of the Statement of Financial Position or in the notes thereto:

Type of financial liability	Classifications
Long-term liabilities	amortised cost
Trade and other-payables from exchange transactions	amortised cost

Initial recognition

The City recognises a financial asset or a financial liability in its statement of financial position when the City becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The City recognises financial assets using trade date accounting.

Initial measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities

The City measures a financial asset and financial liability initially at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset or a liability not subsequently measured at fair value, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability.

The City first assesses whether the substance of a concessionary loan is in fact a loan. On initial recognition, the City analysis a concessionary loan into its component parts and accounts for each component separately. The City accounts for that part of a concessionary loan that is:

- a social benefit in accordance with the Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements, where it is the issuer of the loan; or.
- non-exchange revenue, in accordance with the Standard of GRAP on Revenue from Non-exchange Transactions (Taxes and Transfers), where it is the recipient of the loan.

Subsequent measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities

The City measures all financial assets and financial liabilities after initial recognition using the following categories:

- Financial instruments at fair value;
- Financial instruments at amortised cost; and
- Financial instruments at cost.

All financial assets measured at amortised cost, or cost, are subject to an impairment review at each reporting period.

Fair value measurement considerations

The best evidence of fair value is quoted prices in an active market. If the market for a financial instrument is not active, the City establishes fair value by using a valuation technique.

Gains and losses

A gain or loss arising from a change in the fair value of a financial asset measured at fair value is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

For financial assets and financial liabilities measured at amortised cost or cost, a gain or loss is recognised in the statement of financial performance when the financial asset or financial liability is derecognised or impaired, or through the amortisation process.

Impairment and uncollectibility of financial assets

The City assess at the end of each reporting period whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset is impaired.

a) Financial assets measured at amortised cost:

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on financial assets measured at amortised cost has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced directly through the use of an allowance account. The amount of the loss is recognised in the statement of financial performance. If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed directly by adjusting an allowance account. The reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised at the date the impairment is reversed. The amount of the reversal is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

b) Financial assets measured at cost:

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred on an investment in a residual interest that is not measured at fair value because its fair value cannot be measured reliably, the amount of the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the financial asset and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset. Such impairment losses are not reversed.

Derecognition

a) Financial assets

The City derecognises financial assets (or part of a financial assets) when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, are settled or waived or when the City has transferred all of the significant risks and rewards of ownership using trade date accounting.

On derecognition of a financial asset (or part of a financial asset), the difference between the carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

b) Financial liabilities

The City removes a financial liability (or a part of a financial liability) from its statement of financial position when it is extinguished (when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled, expires or waived).

The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability (or part of a financial liability) extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in the statement of financial performance. Any liabilities that are waived, forgiven or assumed by another entity by way of a non-exchange transaction are accounted for in accordance with the Standard of GRAP on Revenue from Non-exchange Transactions (Taxes and Transfers).

Presentation

Interest relating to a financial instrument or a component that is a financial liability is recognised as revenue or expense in the statement of financial performance.

Dividends or similar distributions relating to a financial instrument or a component that is a financial liability is recognised as revenue or expense in the statement of financial performance.

Gains and losses relating to a financial instrument or a component that is a financial liability is recognised as revenue or expense in the statement of financial performance.

A financial asset and a financial liability are only offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when the City currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

In accounting for a transfer of a financial asset that does not qualify for derecognition, the City does not offset the transferred asset and the associated liability.

1.10 VALUE ADDED TAX

Value Added Tax

The City accounts for value-added tax (VAT) on the payment basis.

Taxes

Controlling entity

The City is exempt from tax in terms of section 10(1)(c)B(i)(ff) of the Income Tax Act.

Economic entity

Current tax assets and liabilities

Current tax for current and prior periods is, to the extent unpaid, recognised as a liability. If the amount already paid in respect of current and prior periods exceeds the amount due for those periods, the excess is recognised as an asset.

Current tax liabilities (assets) for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be paid to (recovered from) the tax authorities, using the tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities

A deferred tax liability is recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except to the extent that the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting surplus nor taxable profit (tax loss).

A deferred tax asset is recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable surplus will be available against which the deductible temporary difference can be utilised. A deferred tax asset is not recognised when it arises

from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting surplus nor taxable profit (tax loss).
A deferred tax asset is recognised for the carry forward of unused tax losses and unused STC credits to the extent that it is probable that future taxable surplus will be available against which the unused tax losses and unused STC credits can be utilised.
Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Tax expenses

Current tax and deferred taxes are charged or credited to net assets if the tax relates to items that are credited or charged, in the same or a different period, to net assets.

1.11 LEASES

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. A lease is classified as an operating lease if it does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership.
When a lease includes both land and buildings elements, the entity assesses the classification of each element separately.

Finance leases – lessor

Finance leases are recognised as assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation.

The discount rate used in calculating the present value of the minimum lease payments is the interest rate implicit in the lease. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and reduction of the outstanding liability.

The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of on the remaining balance of the liability.

Any contingent rents are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Finance leases – lessee

Finance leases are recognised as assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation.

The discount rate used in calculating the present value of the minimum lease payments is the interest rate implicit in the lease.

Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and reduction of the outstanding liability. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of on the remaining balance of the liability.

Any contingent rents are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

1.12 INVENTORIES

Inventories are assets:

- a) in the form of materials or supplies to be consumed in the production process;
- b) in the form of materials or supplies to be consumed or distributed in the rendering of services;
- c) held for sale or distribution in the ordinary course of operations; or
- d) in the process of production for sale or distribution.

Inventories shall be recognised as an asset if, and only if:

- it is probable that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the City; and
- the cost of the inventories can be measured reliably.

Inventories are initially recognised at cost. The cost of inventory shall comprise of all costs, costs of conversion and other costs, incurred to bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

Where inventory is acquired by the City for no or nominal consideration (i.e. a non-exchange transaction), the cost is deemed to be equal to the fair value of the item on the date acquired.

Inventories held for sale in the ordinary course of business are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, or where unless they are to be distributed at no or nominal charge, in which case they are measured at the lower of cost or current replacement cost.

Inventories held for consumption, distribution, consumables stores, raw materials, finished goods and unsold properties, are valued at lower of cost and net replacement cost.

The carrying amount of inventories is recognised as an expense in the period that the inventory was sold, distributed, written off or consumed, unless that cost qualifies for capitalisation to the cost of another asset. The first-in-first-out method is the basis of allocating costs to inventories, except for water balance which is determined at weighted average cost at the reporting date based on the water volume in the network on hand.

Redundant and slow-moving inventories are identified and written down to the estimated net realisable value, and are recognised as an expense in the period in which the write-down or loss occurs. Inventories identified for write-down/write-off, but for which a council resolution, to authorise the write-down/write-off, has not yet been obtained, is provided for as a provision for obsolete stock. Differences arising on the valuation of inventory are recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance in the year in which they arose. The amount of any reversal of any write-down of inventories arising from an increase in net realisable value or current replacement cost is recognised as a reduction in the amount of inventories recognised as an expense in the period in which the reversal occurs.

1.13 IMPAIRMENT OF CASH-GENERATING ASSETS

The City classifies all assets held with the primary objective of generating a commercial return as cash-generating assets. A commercial return means that the return charged by the entity is commensurate with the risk associated with holding the asset and the asset is intended to generate positive cash inflows. All other assets are classified as non-cash-generating assets.

The City does not have any cash generating assets, as its primary objective is service delivery.

1.14 IMPAIRMENT OF NON-CASH-GENERATING ASSETS

Non-cash-generating assets are assets other than cash-generating assets.

The City assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the City estimates the recoverable service amount of the asset.

If there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the recoverable service amount is estimated for the individual asset. If it is not possible to estimate the recoverable service amount of the individual asset, the recoverable service amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs is determined.

The recoverable service amount is the higher of a non-cash generating asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. The value in use for a non-cash generating asset is the present value of the asset's remaining service potential.

The value in use for a non-cash generating asset is the present value of the asset's remaining service potential.

Fair value less costs to sell is the amount obtainable from the sale of an asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable and willing parties, less the costs of disposal. If the recoverable service amount of an asset is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable service amount. That reduction is an impairment loss.

An impairment loss of assets carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation or amortisation is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.

The City assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised in prior periods for assets may no longer exist or may have decreased. If any such indication exists, the recoverable service amounts of those assets are estimated.

The increased carrying amount of an asset attributable to a reversal of an impairment loss does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior periods.

A reversal of an impairment loss of assets carried at cost less accumulated depreciation or amortisation is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.

Designation

At initial recognition, the economic entity designates an asset as non-cash-generating, or an asset or cash-generating unit as cash-generating. The designation is made on the basis of a City's objective of using the asset.

The economic entity designates an asset or a cash-generating unit as cash-generating when:

- its objective is to use the asset or a cash-generating unit in a manner that generates a commercial return; such that
- the asset or cash-generating unit will generate positive cash flows, from continuing use and its ultimate disposal, that are expected to be significantly higher than the cost of the asset.

The City designates an asset as non-cash-generating when its objective is not to use the asset to generate a commercial return but to deliver services.

An asset used with the objective of generating a commercial return and service delivery, is designated either as a cash-generating asset or non-cash-generating asset based on whether the economic entity expects to use that asset to generate a commercial return. When it is not clear whether the objective is to use the asset to generate a commercial return, the economic entity designates the asset as a non-cash-generating asset and applies this accounting policy, rather than the accounting policy on Impairment of Non-cash-generating assets.

1.15 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Employee benefits

The City provides short term benefits, long term benefits and retirement benefits for its employees and councillors.

Benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Remuneration to employees is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance as the services are rendered, except for non-accumulating benefits which are only recognised when the specific event occurs.

The costs of all short-term employee benefits such as leave pay, are recognised during the period in which the employee renders the related service.

The expected cost of compensated absences is recognised as an expense as the employees render services that increase their entitlement or in the case of non-accumulating absences, when the absence occurs.

The expected cost of bonus payments is recognised as an expense when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make such payments as a result of past performance and a reliable estimate can be made at the reporting date.

Liabilities for annual leave are recognised as they accrue to employees. The liability is based on the total accrued leave days at year end, any unused leave days are forfeited six months after the end of leave cycle.

Long services awards

The City offers various types of long service awards to its employees. The provision is to recognise the present value of the obligation as at the reporting date.

Retirement funds

The City contributes to defined contribution and defined benefit funds. These funds are multi-employer funds.

Defined contribution plans

A defined contribution plan is a plan under which the city pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. The City has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to service in the current or prior periods.

The City's contributions to the defined contribution funds are established in terms of the rules governing those plans. Contributions are recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance in the period in which the service is rendered by the relevant employees.

Defined benefit plans

A defined benefit plan is a plan that defines an amount of benefit that an employee will receive on retirement.

The defined benefit liability is the aggregate of the present value of the defined benefit obligation and unrecognised actuarial gains and losses, reduced by unrecognised past service costs. The plan is unfunded. The defined benefit obligation is calculated using the projected unit credit method, incorporating actuarial assumptions and a discount rate based on the government bond rate.

Valuations of these obligations are carried out by independent qualified actuaries regularly, as may be required for fair presentation.

Actuarial gains or losses recognised immediately in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Past service costs are recognised immediately to the extent that the benefits are already vested, and are otherwise amortised on a straight line basis over the average period until the amended benefits become vested.

The City recognises all liabilities and all gains and losses.

Gains or losses on the curtailment or settlement of a defined benefit plan is recognised when the City is demonstrably committed to curtailment or settlement.

When it is virtually certain that another party will reimburse some or all of the expenditure required to settle a defined benefit obligation, the right to reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset. The asset is measured at fair value. In all other respects, the asset is treated in the same way as plan assets. In statement of financial performance, the expense relating to a defined benefit plan is presented as the net of the amount recognised for a reimbursement.

The amount recognised in the statement of financial position represents the present value of the defined benefit obligation as adjusted for unrecognised actuarial gains and losses and unrecognised past service costs, and reduces by the fair value of plan assets.

Any asset is limited to unrecognised actuarial losses and past service costs, plus the present value of available refunds and reduction in future contributions to the plan.

The City does not apply "defined benefit accounting" to the defined benefit funds to which it is a member where these funds are classified in terms of IAS 19 as multi-employer plans, as sufficient information is not available to apply the principles involved.

To the extent that a surplus or deficit in the plan, based on available information, may affect the amount of future contributions, these are assessed. In the case of surpluses, no change is made in the rate of contributions. In the case of deficits, the City will increase contributions on a phased basis. To the extent that the full discounted value of obligations to the funds is not fully accounted for at year end, a contingent liability arises and is reported on accordingly.

Medical Aid: Continued Members

The City provides post-retirement benefits by subsidising the medical aid contributions of certain retired staff. According to the rules of the medical aid funds, with which the City is associated, a member (subject to the applicable conditions of service), on retirement, is entitled to remain a continued member of such medical aid fund, in which case the member is liable for the portion as determined by Council from time to time, of the medical aid membership fee, and the City for the remaining portion.

1.16 PROVISIONS AND CONTINGENCIES

A provision is recognised when the City has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The City does not recognise a contingent liability or contingent asset. A contingent liability is disclosed unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is remote. A contingent asset is disclosed where an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

The amount of a provision is the best estimate of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date. Where the effect of time value of money is material, the amount of a provision is the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation. The discount rate is a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. Where discounting is used, the carrying amount of a provision increases in each period to reflect the passage of time.

This increase is recognised as an interest expense.

Provisions are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. Provisions are reversed if it is no longer probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential will be required, to settle the obligation. A provision is used only for expenditures to which the provision was originally recognised.

a) COLD provision

The provision for COLD pensions and medical aid liability is based on eligible members, their current age and their future life expectancy. Cash flows are projected on the basis of current pension payments escalated at 6.50% (2018: 7.00%) per annum over members' expected lives.

Resulting cash flows have been discounted to Net Present Value applying a discount rate of 10.68% (2018: 10.52%).

b) Landfill rehabilitation provision

The landfill rehabilitation provision is created for the rehabilitation of the current operational sites at the future estimated time of closure.

The value of the provision is based on the expected future cost to rehabilitate the various sites discounted back to the statement of financial position date at the cost of capital (time value of money), which is currently 10.68% (2018: 10.52%).

The City has an obligation to rehabilitate these landfill sites. The cost of such property includes the initial estimate of the costs of rehabilitating the land and restoring the site on which it is located, the obligation for which the City incurs as a consequence of having used the property during a particular period for landfill purposes. The City estimates the useful lives and make assumptions as to the useful lives of these assets, which influence the provision for future costs.

Changes in the measurement of the provision that result from changes in the estimated timing or amount of the outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential required to settle the obligation, or a change in the discount rate, is accounted for as follows:

- a) subject to (b), changes in the liability are added to, or deducted from, the cost of the related asset in the current period;
- b) if a decrease in the liability exceeds the carrying amount of the asset, the excess is recognised immediately in the statement of financial performance; and
- b) if the adjustment results in an addition to the cost of an asset, the City considers whether this is an indication that the new carrying amount of the asset may not be fully recoverable. If such an indication exists, the asset is tested for impairment by estimating its recoverable amount, and any impairment loss is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

The adjusted depreciable amount of the asset is depreciated over its useful life. Therefore, once the related asset has reached the end of its useful life, all subsequent changes in the liability is recognised in the statement of financial performance as they occur.

The periodic unwinding of the discount is recognised in the statement of financial performance as a finance cost as it occurs.

1.17 REVENUE FROM EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS

Revenue, excluding value-added taxation where applicable, is derived from a variety of sources which include rates levied, grants from other tiers of government and revenue from trading activities and other services provided.

The City recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the City and when specific criteria have been met for each of the City's activities as described below. The amount of revenue is not considered to be reliably measurable until all contingencies relating to the sale have been resolved. The City bases its estimates on historical results, taking into consideration the type of customer, the type of transaction and the specifics of each arrangement. Furthermore services rendered are recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Revenue is reduced for estimated customer returns, stock rotation, price protection, rebates and other similar allowances.

Revenue from exchange transactions refers to revenue that accrued to the City directly in return for services rendered / goods sold, the value of which approximates the consideration received or receivable.

Service Charges

Service charges relating to electricity and water are based on consumption. Meters are read on a periodic basis and are recognised as revenue when billed. Provisional estimates of consumption, based on the consumption history, are made monthly when meter readings have not been performed. The provisional estimates of consumption are recognised as revenue when invoiced, except at year-end when estimates of consumption up to year-end are recorded as revenue without it being invoiced. Adjustments to provisional estimates of consumption are made in the invoicing period in which meters have been read. These adjustments are recognised as revenue in the invoicing period. In respect of estimates of consumption between the last reading date and the reporting date, an accrual is made based on the average monthly consumption of consumers.

Service charges relating to refuse removal are recognised on a monthly basis in arrears by applying the approved tariff to each property that has improvements. Tariffs are determined per category of property usage, and are levied monthly based on the number of refuse containers on each property, regardless of whether or not all containers are emptied during the month.

Service charges from sewerage and sanitation are based on the type of service and the number of sewer connections on all developed property, using the tariffs approved by Council and are levied monthly. In circumstances where services cannot readily be measured and quantified, a flat rate service charge is levied monthly on such properties.

Services provided on prepaid

Various services are provided on a prepaid services in which case there is no formal billing takes place and revenue associated with the transaction is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date.

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when all the following conditions have been satisfied:

- > the City has transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods;
- > the City retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- > the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- > it is probable that the economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the City;
- > the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Income from agency services

Income for agency services, where the entity acts as an agent, is recognised monthly once the income collected on behalf of principals is earned. The income is recognised in terms of the agency agreement.

Interest

Interest earned on investments is recognised in the statement of financial performance on a time-proportionate basis, which takes into account the effective yield on the investment.

Dividends

Dividends are recognised on the date that the City becomes entitled to receive the dividend in accordance with the substance of the relevant agreement, where applicable.

Revenue Recognition of Unclaimed Deposits – exchange revenue

Unclaimed deposits older than one (1) year are recognised as revenue.

1.18 REVENUE FROM NON-EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS

Revenue from non-exchange transactions refers to transactions where the City received revenue from another entity without directly giving approximately equal value in exchange. Revenue from non-exchange transactions is generally recognised to the extent that the related receipt or receivable qualifies for recognition as an asset and there is no liability to repay the amount.

Rates and Taxes – non-exchange revenue

Revenue from property rates is recognised when the legal entitlement to this revenue arises. Collection charges are recognised when such amounts are legally enforceable. Penalty interest on unpaid rates is recognised on a time proportion basis with reference to the principal amount receivable and effective interest rate applicable. A composite rating system charging different rate tariffs is employed. Rebates are granted to certain categories of ratepayers and are deducted from revenue.

Fines

Fines constitute both spot fines and camera fines. Fines are recognised when the receivable meets the definition of an asset and satisfies the criteria for recognition as an asset. It is measured at the best estimate, based on past experience, of the amount of revenue the City is expected to enforce.

Subsequent to initial recognition and measurement, the City assess the collectability of the revenue and recognises a separate impairment loss where appropriate.

Donations and Contributions

Donations and funding are recognised as revenue to the extent that the City has complied with any of the criteria, conditions or obligations embodied in the agreement. Where the agreement contains a stipulation to return the asset, other future economic benefits or service potential, in the event of non-compliance to these stipulations and would be enforced by the transferor, a liability is recognised to the extent that the criteria, conditions or obligations have not been met. Where such requirements are not enforceable, or where past experience has indicated that the transferor has never enforced the requirement to return the transferred asset, other future economic benefits or service potential when breaches have occurred, the stipulation will be considered a restriction and is recognised as revenue.

Transfers and subsidies

Unconditional Grants

Equitable share allocations are recognised in revenue when they are appropriated and received by the City.

Conditional Grants

Conditional grants recognised as revenue to the extent that the City has complied with any of the criteria, conditions or obligations embodied in the agreement. Where the agreement contains a stipulation to return the asset, other future economic benefits or service potential, in the event of non-compliance to these stipulations and would be enforced by the transferor, a liability is recognised to the extent that the criteria, conditions or obligations have not been met. Where such requirements are not enforceable, or where past experience has indicated that the transferor has never enforced the requirement to return the transferred asset, other future economic benefits or service potential when breaches have occurred, the stipulation will be considered a restriction and is recognised as revenue.

Interest earned on grants received and invested is treated in accordance with grant conditions. If it is payable to the funder it is recorded as part of the creditor and if it is the City's interest it is recognised as interest earned in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Services Received In-kind

Services in kind are recognised at its fair value when it is significant to the operations and/or service delivery objectives and when it is probable that the future economic benefits or service potential will flow to the entity and the fair value of the assets can be measured reliably. If the services in-kind are not significant to the operations and/or service delivery objectives and/or do not satisfy the criteria for recognition, only the nature and type of services in-kind received during the reporting period is disclosed.

Bequests

Bequests that satisfy the definition of an asset are recognised as assets and revenue when it is probable that the future economic benefits or service potential will flow to the City, and the fair value of the assets can be measured reliably.

Unspent conditional grants and receipts

Amounts received before the related work is performed are included in the statement of financial position as a liability, as unspent conditional grants and receipts.

1.19 GRANTS-IN-AID (EXPENSES)

The City annually awards grants to individuals and organisations based on merit. When making these transfers, the City does not:

- receive any goods or services directly in return, as would be expected in a purchase or sale transaction;
- expect to be repaid in future; or
- expect a financial return, as would be expected from an investment.

These transfers are recognised in the financial statements as expenses in the period that the events giving rise to the transfer occurred.

1.20 BORROWING COSTS

Borrowing costs are interest and other expenses incurred by the City in connection with the borrowing of funds.

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

1.21 RELATED PARTIES

Individuals as well as their close family members, and/or entities are related parties if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control or jointly control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and/or operating decisions.

Management is regarded as a related party and comprises the councillors, Executive Mayor, Mayoral Committee members, City Manager, Head of departments and all other managers reporting directly to the City Manager or as designated by the City Manager.

1.22 COMPARATIVE FIGURES

When the presentation or classification of items in the annual financial statements is amended due to better presentation and/or better understand ability and/or comparability and/or due to the implementation of a new or amended standard, prior period comparative amounts are restated. Where accounting errors have been identified in the current year, the correction is made retrospectively as far as is practicable, and the prior year comparatives are restated accordingly. Where there has been a change in accounting policy in the current year, the adjustment is made retrospectively as far as is practicable, and the prior year comparatives are restated accordingly.

1.23 UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE

Unauthorised expenditure is expenditure that has not been budgeted for, expenditure that is not in terms of the conditions of an allocation received from another sphere of government, City or organ of state and expenditure in the form of a grant that is not permitted in terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act No.56 of 2003). Unauthorised expenditure is accounted for as an expense in the statement of financial performance and where recovered, it is subsequently accounted for as revenue in the statement of financial performance.

1.24 FRUITLESS AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE

Fruitless and wasteful expenditure is expenditure that was made in vain and would have been avoided had reasonable care been exercised. Fruitless and wasteful expenditure is accounted for as expenditure in the statement of financial performance and where recovered, it is subsequently accounted for as revenue in the statement of financial performance.

1.25 IRREGULAR EXPENDITURE

Irregular expenditure is expenditure that is contrary to the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act No.56 of 2003), the Municipal Systems Act (Act No.32 of 2000), and the Public Office Bearers Act (Act No. 20 of 1998) or is in contravention of the City's supply chain

management policy. Irregular expenditure excludes unauthorised expenditure. Irregular expenditure is accounted for as expenditure in the statement of financial performance and where recovered, it is subsequently accounted for as revenue in the statement of financial performance.

1.26 INTERNAL RESERVES

Included in the accumulated surplus are internal reserves, no separate line items are presented, in accordance with the GRAP reporting framework, but provision is made in the budget process for funding of these reserve. The amounts set aside for these reserves are invested in accordance with the investment policy of the City. The following internal reserves are maintained:

Capital replacement reserve (CRR)

The reserve is created for the replacement of service delivery assets when they reach the end of their economic lives to ensure continue of provision of such services, and to minimise the impact of raising external funding or over reliance on grant funds.

Self-insurance reserve

A self insurance reserve was established for a self-insurance purpose and to minimize the external insurance costs. The reserve is based on recognised insurance industry principles to complement the external cover provided by insurance companies.

Sinking funds reserve

The reserve is created for the provision of repayments of long-term borrowing raised to funds capital projects, and to meet repayment conditions on such borrowings.

1.27 BUDGET INFORMATION

The approved budget is prepared in accordance with GRAP standards on an accrual basis, and are consistent with accounting policies as adopted by the Council for the preparation of this annual financial statements, and presented by economic classification linked to performance outcome objectives.

The approved budget covers the fiscal period from 2018/07/01 to 2019/06/30. These figures are those approved by Council both at the beginning and during the year, following a period of consultation with the public as part of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP). The amounts are scheduled as a separate additional financial statement, called the statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts. Explanatory comments to material differences are provided in the notes to the annual financial statements.

1.28 EVENTS AFTER REPORTING DATE

Events after the reporting date are those events, both favourable and unfavourable, that occur between the reporting date and the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Two types of events can be identified:

- those that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the reporting date (adjusting events after the reporting date); and
- those that are indicative of conditions that arose after the reporting date (non-adjusting events after the reporting date).

Reporting date means the date of the last day of the reporting period to which the annual financial statements relate. The City adjusts the amounts recognised in its annual financial statements to reflect adjusting events after the reporting date. The City does not adjust the amounts recognised in its annual financial statements to reflect non-adjusting events after the reporting date.

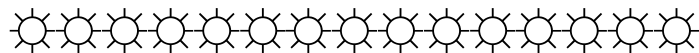
1.29 COMMITMENTS

The City discloses capital expenditure as approved in the budget for each class of capital assets (PPE, investment properties, intangible assets and heritage assets) and as well as future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases. No commitments are disclosed for operating expenditure as the nature of the contracts “As and When required”.

1.30 GOING CONCERN

These annual financial statements were prepared based on the expectation that the City will continue to operate as a going concern for at least the next 12 months. The City's budget for the next financial year as approved by Council is fully funded.

Basis of Preparation



EKURHULENI BUDGET

Annexure D13

ELECTRICITY METERING FOR RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS CUSTOMERS POLICY

2020-2021

*20 years of a responsive and modern
public service partner that fosters change
towards building a better Ekurhuleni*

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ELECTRICITY METERING FOR RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS CUSTOMERS POLICY

1. BACKGROUND

The City of Ekurhuleni, since 2003, created a practical residential metering policy covering all aspects related to the future planning, design and installation of residential and business metering systems. The term “systems” encompasses all forms of residential and business metering, whether it is a Ferraris-type credit meter, a prepayment meter, a smart meter as found in Tembisa, AMR demand meter or a future smart meter.

The document has the following section headings:

- ▶ Definitions;
- ▶ Smart metering (future);
- ▶ Protection of metering;
- ▶ Metering in existing areas;
- ▶ Metering in new areas;
- ▶ Credit control measures; and
- ▶ Stakeholder engagement.

The strategy is designed to manage current use of existing metering processes and equipment as far as is practically possible and to improve the security of metering in a cost effective manner.

In all cases, reasonable efforts will be made to restore metering integrity through the use of:

- ▶ by-laws, and policy, supported by special operations in the application of these;
- ▶ meter audits, guided by non-purchasing patterns or suspect consumption profiles (regular meter audits are essential in order to maintain the integrity of the installed meter base), and
- ▶ the application of reinstatement fees, as contained in the schedule of tariffs.

Further (possibly anticipated) violation of metering equipment must lead to placing the split metering element of a prepayment meter inside a medium or heavily constructed meter box/structure on the sidewalk (or pole top) and to include remote tamper monitoring devices.

All new reticulation must be designed:

- ▶ using strengthened meter boxes with no visible hinges or locking arrangements on the outside. These meter boxes are to be secured by methods other than the usual lock and key arrangement (possibly using electronic remote devices, or mechanical locking devices).

For electricity safety reasons only one connection will be permitted to a stand, unless otherwise authorized by the Head of Department: Energy, for individually motivated cases.

All meters must be sealed, using numbered and colour coded seals as per standard specifications and Council’s Meter Seal Policy. This will allow authorised personnel to establish at a glance whether the meter’s integrity has been breached.

2. DEFINITIONS

kWh – Kilowatt-hour	1 kWh = 1 Unit of Electricity consumed
AMR	Automated Meter Reading (metering method which is mainly associated with demand meters and requires a modem to upload the metering data automatically to a central database for billing purposes)
EWASA	e-Waste Association of South Africa

“Lightly constructed strengthened meter box”	:	Electrical kiosk, constructed from a suitable material that will be able to withstand attempted break-ins, with hidden hinges and opening mechanisms, also adapted for pole top use.
“Medium constructed strengthened meter box”	:	Electrical kiosk, constructed from a suitable material that will be able to withstand relatively serious attempted break-in’s, with hidden hinges and opening mechanisms, also adapted for pole top use.
“Heavily constructed protective structure”	:	Heavy steel and/or concrete structure serving as an electrical kiosk.

The above table excludes all use of unprotected padlocks in future developments. All new designs are to cater for better protected meter boxes and this will only be possible by using more advanced opening mechanisms.

3. ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) – NRS 049 (FUTURE “SMART METERING”)

It is expected that the introduction of targeted smart metering, will allow better management of various problems related to inaccessible meters, errors due to manual meter reading, creation of an accurate energy balance, meter interference, and so forth.

It is envisaged that the primary application of AMI systems is for metering installations using direct-connected meters. The relevant part of NRS 049 is applicable to residential and commercial customers. The application of AMI systems is in response to the need for demand-side management measures, which will mitigate the effects of a shortage of electricity generation capacity at a national level that might occur from time to time.

The AMI system incorporates an AMI master station, from where the configuration and functionality of the system are controlled. The communication network, the AMI meters, a load switch (disconnect/reconnect/load limiting), the appliance (load) control devices (activated through the meter), a customer interface unit and optional interfaces to communicate with a mobile customer interface and to retrieve water consumption data. The communication media between the AMI master station and the meter are not specified. The choice of communication

media will be dependent on a number of factors. The communication media may also be changed during the life of the AMI system.

This is intended to evolve towards the inclusion of an industry-agreed set of open communication standards based on international standards, for communication between the AMI master station and meters and concentrators.

4. PROTECTION OF METERING AND CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

Three types of protective device are to be utilized, ranging from being relatively inexpensive at the one end of the scale too expensive at the other end of the scale. The lightly constructed meter box will only be suitable for relatively unproblematic areas and will require an immediate response if used in a more problematic area, when tampering occurs. As part of the future management of meter boxes, there may also be costs related to the installation and maintenance of communication devices with these meter boxes.

CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT FOLLOWING METERING THAT WAS INTERFERED WITH

The following factors will lead to meter reinstatement fees being issued:

- Meter found bypassed (as a result of customer initiated interference)
- Meter found tampered in any other way, leading to under-registration of consumption
- Meter found bypassed (as a result of COE own staff correcting a no power situation at some point in history)

A meter reinstatement fee may be waived:

- In the case of individual connections, where a reinstatement fee was levied, motivation may be made in writing by the responsible official, for the reinstatement fee to be reversed based on specific, mitigating factual information. Such reversal shall be approved in writing by the Head of Department: Energy or his delegate.
- The fact that the meter may have been bypassed by COE own staff will not necessarily result in the reinstatement fee being reversed, the customer involved needs proof of this event, or proof that the meter was reported as faulty, especially in the case of prepayment meters that are obviously issuing free units (i.e. bypassed)
- The provisions of the by-laws in relation to back billing remain in place.

5. METERING IN EXISTING AREAS

Existing electricity customers can be categorized as follows:

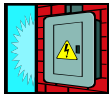
Category A	Established areas with payment levels exceeding 90%
Category B	Established areas with payment levels lower than 90%
Category C	Individually metered flats, hostels and townhouses
Category D	Manually read existing bulk metered connections (demand meters)

The above categories of customer will now be discussed in some detail, taking into account practical aspects and cost limitations.

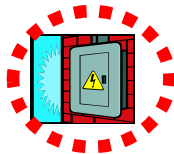
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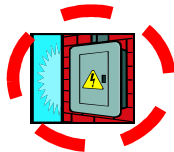
Residence/building



Option acceptable



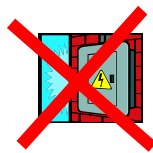
Meter box with light protection



Meter box with medium protection



Meter box with heavy protection



Option unacceptable

5.1 CATEGORY A: ESTABLISHED AREAS (OR NODES) WITH PAYMENT LEVELS EXCEEDING 90%

- ▶ These are more established residential and business nodes. Typically, these areas are fully electrified with underground and/or overhead networks, and credit metering and prepayment meters have been successfully used for many years, and
- ▶ Credit meters in these areas are manually read by appointed contractors.

5.1.1 SITUATION:

- (a) Inaccessibility of credit meters due to old reticulation methods (i.e. the meter is situated inside the property or inside the home), and
- (b) manual credit meter readings have inherent quality problems and are very labour intensive,
- (c) interim readings are levied on credit meters, which may lead to audit queries, and
- (d) given that credit meters are no longer procured, only prepayment meters are available to install.

5.1.2 METERING STRATEGY

- (a) The credit metering system currently in use is now becoming outdated and must be replaced with a prepayment meter, or a smart meter (when these become available);
 - Regular inspections to be executed on customers appearing on the BP421 deviation report for credit meter in terms of no-access (until phased out), no-consumption, stuck meters, possible tampered meters; 90 days' non-purchase and low-purchase exception report for prepayment meter;
 - Any routine maintenance of metering, whether faulty, or as part of the COE capital program, will be done by installing prepayment meters only (technical restrictions excluded, these will be covered with an AMR credit meter);
- (b) Accessibility problems will be addressed as follows:
 - (i) installation of a prepayment meter, at the cost of COE (and subject to available funding);
 - (ii) as part of larger projects, at the discretion of the HOD: Energy, at the cost of COE (and subject to available funding).
 - (iii) the meter must always be placed on the sidewalk, unless major reticulation work is required to effect this move.
- (c) in the pre smart metering phase, resources should be spent on routine inspections, recovery of lost income, legal action and the replacement of credit meters with prepayment meters.
- (d) Any routine maintenance of metering, whether faulty, or as part of the COE capital program, will be done by installing prepayment meters only (technical restrictions excluded).

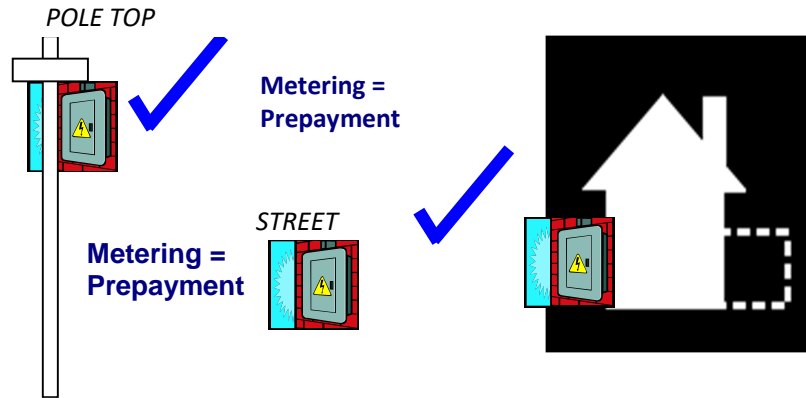


Figure 1: Category A: Established Areas with Payment Levels Exceeding 90%

- (e) Disposal of dilapidated, faulty or damaged replaced meters – All meters that are replaced, shall be evaluated against the Expected Useful Life encapsulated in the Council’s Accounting Policy for Assets. Should the replaced meter prove to be beyond the Expected Useful Life or the meter is damaged to such an extent that it is unserviceable it shall be regarded as scrap equipment. The scrap equipment shall be disposed of in terms of Supply Chain Management Policy and Council’s approval to the HOD: Energy to dispose of the scrap equipment on an as and when required basis subject to an EWASA registered recycler being appointed by Council.

5.2 CATEGORY B: ESTABLISHED AREAS (OR NODES) WITH PAYMENT LEVELS LOWER THAN 90%

- ▶ Established residential and business nodes. Typically, these areas are fully electrified with underground and/or overhead networks, and combinations of credit and prepayment metering have been used with a limited success rate;
- ▶ interference occurs daily on the electrical network and the resultant vandalized network presents a serious safety hazard; and
- ▶ attempts at normalizing the situation had little or no effect.

5.2.1 SITUATION:

- (a) Inaccessibility of meters due to old reticulation methods (i.e. the meter is situated inside the property or inside the home);
- (b) metering infrastructure is not protected by a robust meter box;
- (c) interference with meters is at an unacceptably high level, and
- (d) manual credit meter readings have inherent quality problems and are very labour intensive.
- (e) given that credit meters are no longer procured, only prepayment meters are available to install.

5.2.2 METERING STRATEGY 1

- (a) These areas present a serious problem in COE since revenue losses are too high to allow a sustainable electricity service;

- (b) credit metering shall not be used in these areas unless not practically/technically possible (which will be an AMR credit meter);
- (c) depending on the scale of interference with the network and metering, the following must be considered:
 - (i) a prepayment metering system, using split type meters - the metering element to be placed on a pole top and protected by a medium strength meter box, with or without a tamper monitoring device;
 - (ii) a prepayment metering system, using split type meters - the metering element to be placed on the sidewalk and protected by a heavily constructed structure, with or without a tamper monitoring device, and
 - (iii) in the case of items (a) and (b), the prepayment meter will need to have mains-borne communication (power line carrier), Radio Frequency communication or similar, to the customer interface, or alternatively a new service cable containing communication wires may need to be installed. A separate set of pilot wires may also be installed, leaving the current service cable intact.
- (d) further interference must lead to charges according to the provisions made in the Schedule of Tariffs for the Supply of Electricity under "Miscellaneous Charges";
- (e) the vandalized network needs to be repaired wherever any work is executed;
- (f) regular inspections to be executed on customers appearing on the BP421 deviation report for credit meter in terms of no-access (until phased out), no-consumption, stuck meters, possible tampered meters; 90 days' non-purchase and low-purchase exception report for prepayment meter;
- (g) any routine maintenance of metering, whether faulty, or as part of the COE capital program, will be done by installing prepayment meters only (technical restrictions excluded, these will be covered with an AMR credit meter);
- (h) accessibility problems shall be addressed as follows:
 - (i) installation of a prepayment meter, at the cost of COE (and subject to available funding);
 - (ii) as part of larger projects, at the discretion of the HOD: Energy, at the cost of COE (subject to available funding); and
 - (iii) the cost related to a requested change in metering resolving a meter access problem, may be fully funded by COE, subject to funding being available. If the request, by the customer, for a change in metering does not resolve an access or similar problem, the cost may be for the customer.

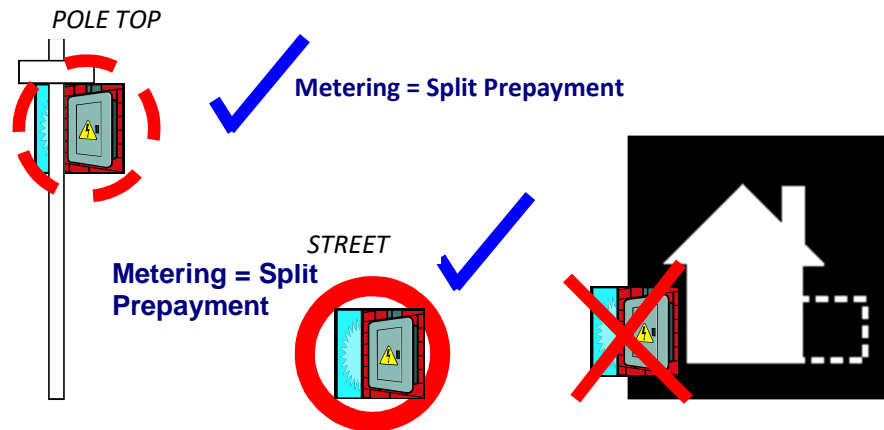


Figure 2: Category B: Established Areas with Payment Levels Lower than 90%

- (i) Disposal of dilapidated, faulty or damaged replaced meters – As per 5.1.2. (e).

5.2.3 METERING STRATEGY 2

- (a) When more advanced forms of metering are available, the following alternative may be considered:
 - (i) a smart metering system - the metering element to be placed on the sidewalk or pole top and protected by a medium or heavily constructed structure with a tamper monitoring device.
- (b) a change of the metering system must be for the account of COE;
- (c) further interference must lead to charges according to the provisions made in the Schedule of Tariffs for the Supply of Electricity under “Miscellaneous Charges”; and
- (d) a vandalized network needs to be repaired wherever any work is executed. Further actions should be in line with Council’s Credit Control Policy.

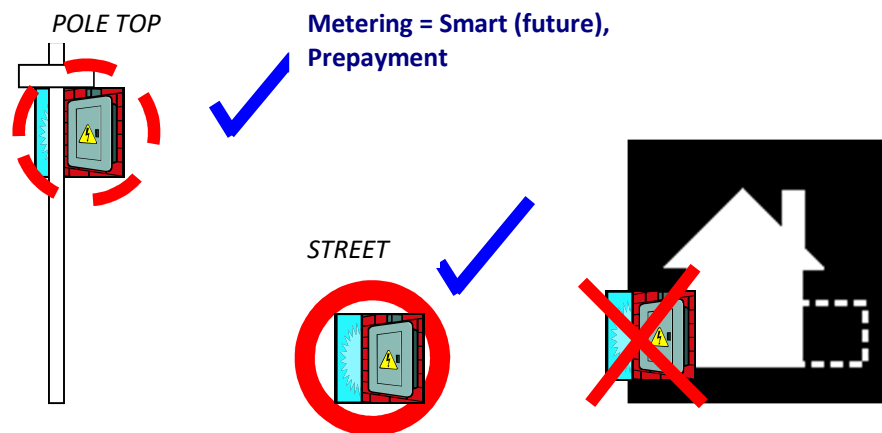


Figure 3: Category B: Established Areas with Payment Levels Lower than 90% - Worst Case Scenario

5.3 CATEGORY C: EXISTING INDIVIDUALLY METERED FLATS, HOSTELS AND TOWNHOUSES

These are defined as all the existing high density residential complexes, which are metered individually. Typically, these complexes are fully electrified with underground and internal networks, and credit and/or prepayment metering have been used with varying degrees of success, for a period.

5.3.1 METERING STRATEGY

- (a) The risk associated with each installation to be assessed by the HOD: Energy;
- (b) Block of flats –

(b) 1. Based on the risk assessment the preferred metering strategy is to convert the individually metered units to one bulk AMR metering installation. Should the Energy Department be in a position through funding to convert the individually metered units to one bulk AMR metering installation, the Flat or complex owner be afforded the opportunity to purchase from Council the individual meters for sub-metering purposes on a “voetstoots” basis and the owner will indemnify Council from any defects/inaccuracy of the individual meters. The old meter shall be offered to the complex owner at 20% of a new meter’s price. The rationale for selling the meter "voetstoots" to the complex owner is to mitigate the additional capital outlay to council to remove all the meters and to reconnect the service connections. Also when Council installs a bulk meter it is creating a new point of control/connection/metering point, thereby removing the individual metering, and changing the electrical installation, which will require a Certificate of Compliance (COC) to be issued by Council adding additional accountability and cost to Council. The Department will ensure that each individual meter is removed from the billing system with the correct closing reading. Where the individual meter has a plate which indicate that it is the property of Council, the Department will oversee that the individual meters are defaced or the nameplate removed.

(b) 2. The second option should it not be technically feasible or funds do not permit to follow point b1 above is for split prepayment meters to be installed with metering elements in a meter room/s or protective structure/s installed at Council’s cost and keypads wired to individual flats by a private contractor at the owner’s cost. Alternatively, mains-borne communication (power line carrier) or Radio Frequency communication may be used;

NOTE: COE no longer install (or procure) electromechanically credit meters. These old meters, in relation to strategy, are therefore worthless to COE.

NOTE: COE will not install individual meters at any new privately owned townhouse complex, or block of flats.

- (c) Hostels or similar– split prepayment metering and cut-off elements away from building and placed outside in protective structures/meter boxes. Interface

units to be wired to each individual unit, or via mains borne communication or via Radio Frequency communication, and

- (d) Townhouse complexes with existing individual metering—as per paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above.

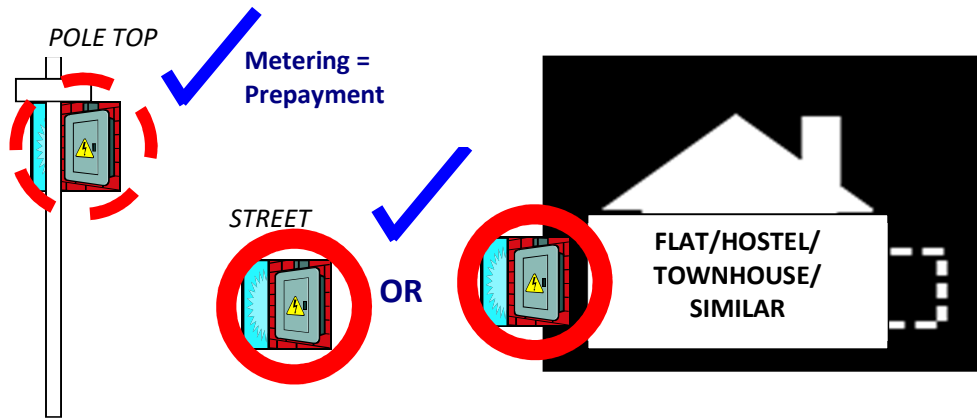


Figure 4: Category C: Individually Metered Flats, Hostels and Townhouses

- (e) Disposal of dilapidated, faulty or damaged replaced meters – As per 5.1.2. (e).
- (f) MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS

Existing stands with mixed residential and business use, will be allowed to receive their electricity supply by means of multiple bulk meters (mostly only 2 meters).

To comply with the Electricity by-laws and for the sake of standardisation, the following technical requirements shall apply:

- One main switch for the property only, isolating the entire property when switched off
- From this main switch, the two (or more) meters may be supplied, one for the business part, and one for the residential part

Note: Cost associated with the service connections to the individual metering shall be for the owner's account

- The meters may be on separate accounts and have separate tariffs
- Credit control will be effected at the main switch only, and not one of the sub-switches.

5.4 CATEGORY D: MANUALLY READ EXISTING BULK METERED CONNECTIONS (DEMAND METERS)

- Established residential, mixed residential/business and small business nodes. Typically, these areas are fully electrified with underground and/or overhead networks, with manual read demand metering with a limited success rate in obtaining monthly readings;

5.4.1 SITUATION:

- (a) Inaccessibility of meters due to old reticulation methods (i.e. the meter is situated inside the property, in a substation or in a basement of a flat complex);
- (b) interference with meters may occur without Council's knowledge;
- (c) manual meter readings have inherent quality problems and are very labour intensive; and
- (d) the manual reading of demand meters is considered practically impossible.

5.4.2 METERING STRATEGY

- (a) Reading demand meters manually is impossible and may cause high revenue losses, threatening a sustainable electricity service;
- (b) manually read demand meters must be phased out completely and replaced with automated meter reading (AMR) meters;
- (c) where technically possible, only direct connect AMR meters must be used, negating the need for current transformers (and factor calculations);
- (d) regular monitoring of the correctness of the meter readings obtained from the AMR meter installation shall be carried out and corrective action shall be taken where necessary.
- (e) Disposal of dilapidated, faulty or damaged replaced meters – As per 5.1.2. (e).

6. METERING IN NEW RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS AREAS

New residential and small business electricity customers can be categorized as follows:

Category E	New residential and business areas (or nodes)
Category F	New bulk residential complexes and businesses (AMR demand meters)

6.1 CATEGORY E: NEW RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS AREAS (OR NODES)

- These are defined as in all areas. Typically, these areas are or will be fully electrified with underground or overhead networks, or a combination of the two systems. Metering will be installed as soon as connections are made.

6.1.1 METERING STRATEGY

- (a) A prepayment metering system, using split type meters - the metering element to be placed in a medium or high strength meter box mounted on the sidewalk or pole top;
- (b) interference with the electricity network must lead to fees being charged according to the provisions made in the Schedule of Tariffs for the Supply of Electricity under "Miscellaneous Charges". Further actions should be in line with Council's Credit Control policy; and

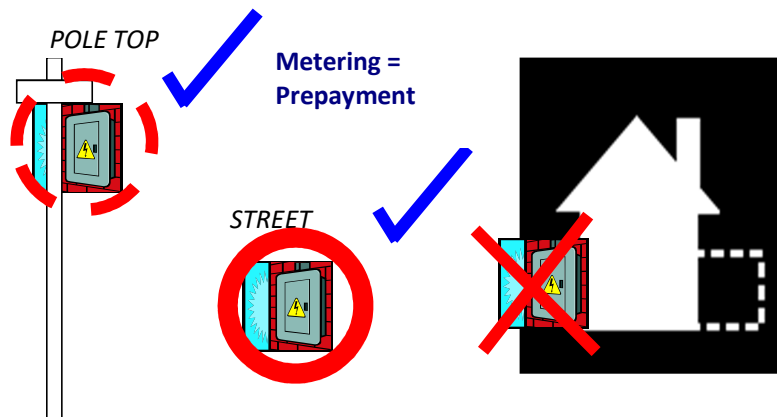


Figure 6: New Residential and Business Areas

* AMR Direct driven credit meters only where technically impossible to install prepayment meters

6.2. CATEGORY F: NEW BULK RESIDENTIAL COMPLEXES AND BUSINESSES (AMR DEMAND METERS)

- ▶ These are defined as new residential complexes and businesses which require a bulk demand meter installation.

6.2.1 METERING STRATEGY

(a) An Automated Meter Reading (AMR) demand meter will be installed at these premises:

- ▶ to completely eliminate manual reading of these meters;
- ▶ where technically possible, only direct connect AMR meters must be used, negating the need for current transformers (and factor calculations);
- ▶ ensure accurate and timeous complex data monthly meter readings are obtained remotely; and
- ▶ regular monitoring of the correctness of the meter readings obtained from the AMR meter installation shall be carried out and corrective action shall be taken where necessary.

6.3. CATEGORY G: NEW BULK RESIDENTIAL COMPLEXES AND BUSINESSES (MEGA DEVELOPMENTS MIXED WITH SUBSIDISED AND BONDED PROPERTIES)

- ▶ These are defined as new mega mixed subsidised and bonded residential units (full title and complexes) and businesses which require a mixed electricity meter strategy.
- ▶ Any decisions made by the HOD: Energy to deal with matters not covered, or that may be ambiguous in this policy will be final.

6.3.1 METERING STRATEGY

All meters will be inside a COE approved protective structure, or if built into the building, it will have a COE specification protective structure door and locking mechanism.

Detailed management of each zoning will be dealt with as follows:

#	Zoning	Method
1	Residential 1 (bonded)	<p>The owner of the house pays CoE a standard fee for the connection to the grid, which includes a meter. In the event that USDG grant approve this category to be funded through its grants the same principle as per point 3 will apply. Copy of COC is required and will form part of the developer responsibility. The service cable will be connected to the meter by CoE. The developer provides a service cable from a protective metering kiosk up to a junction box 1m into the stand or up to a point of control (budgie box) and further to the customer DB.</p> <p>The Installation electrician shall complete with the owner/developer Annexure 4 (OHSA act 85 EIR 2009) and submit with application form to the City prior to any installation work commencing.</p> <p>The developer will provide a fully equipped and labeled protective structure as part of the electrical network electrification (fully equipped = correctly rated and toggle circuit breakers completely wired), space to be left for the meters. Meters will be 1 phase PLC Dinrail meters. Capacity will be limited to 60 Ampere.</p>
2	Residential 1 (FLISP semi-subsidized)	<p>The owner of the house pays CoE a standard fee for the connection to the grid, which includes a meter. In the event that USDG grant approve this category to be funded through its grants the same principle as per point 3 will apply. Copy of COC is required and will form part of the developer responsibility. The service cable will be connected to the meter by CoE. The developer provides a service cable from a protective metering kiosk up to a junction box 1m into the stand or up to the customer DB.</p> <p>The Installation electrician shall complete with the owner/developer Annexure 4 (OHSA act 85 EIR 2009) and submit with application form to the City prior to any installation work commencing.</p> <p>The developer will provide a fully equipped and labeled protective structure as part of the electrical network electrification (fully equipped = correctly rated and toggle circuit breakers completely wired), space to be left for the meters. Meters will be 1 phase PLC Dinrail meters. Capacity will be limited to 60 Ampere.</p>
3	Residential 1 (subsidized)	<p>COE will register the meter and supply and install the meter with service cable to the house and absorb this from USDG grant. The developer will be responsible for installation of the of the network up to the protective metering kiosk structure. The developer will provide a COC for the house electrical wiring.</p> <p>The developer will provide a fully equipped and labeled protective structure as part of the electrical network electrification (fully equipped = correctly rated and toggle circuit breakers completely wired), space to be left for the meters. Meters will be 1 phase PLC Dinrail meters. Capacity will be limited to 60 Ampere.</p>
4	Residential 4 (subsidized high density)	<p>CoE will register, supply and install a meter to each unit (including keypad) and absorb this cost from the USDG grant. The supply and installation of the service cable with</p>

		<p>communication wires from the protective metering structure to the Unit DB does not form part of the CoE scope of works as this will form part of the developer construction costs. The developer will provide a COC for the Unit's electrical wiring. The developer will provide a fully equipped and labeled protective structure (or protected distribution board) or, if the walk ups (flats) are below 18 family units per block, then outside metering protective structures as part of the electrical network electrification (fully equipped = correctly rated and toggle circuit breakers completely wired), space to be left for the meters. Meters will be 1 phase pilot wire Dinrail meters, until the existing COE stock levels are depleted. Capacity will be limited to 60 Ampere.</p>
5	Residential 4 (social high density)	<p>The owner (CoE or Province) of the unit pays CoE a standard fee for the connection to the grid, which includes a meter. CoE will register, supply and install a meter to each unit (including keypad). The supply and installation of the service cable with communication wires from the protective metering structure to the Unit DB does not form part of the CoE scope of works as this will form part of the developer construction costs. The developer will provide a COC for the Unit's electrical wiring. The Installation electrician of the owner shall complete with the owner/ developer Annexure 4 (OHSA act 85 EIR 2009) and submit with application form to the City prior to any installation work commencing.</p> <p>The developer will provide a fully equipped and labeled protective structure (or protected distribution board) or, if the walk ups (flats) are below 18 family units per block, then outside metering protective structures as part of the electrical network electrification (fully equipped = correctly rated and toggle circuit breakers completely wired), space to be left for the meters. Meters will be 1 phase pilot wire Dinrail meters, until the existing COE stock levels are depleted. Capacity will be limited to 60 Ampere. Copy of COC is required and will form part of the developer responsibility.</p>
6	Residential 4 (bonded/FLISP high density)	<p>Bulk metering will be provided for the Body Corporate by developer. If the demand is up to 630 kVA, the metering will be in the mini-sub. If the demand is above 630 kVA bulk metering will be provided at 11kV by means of a Bulk Metering Kiosk.</p>
7	Other zoning	<p>ALL other zoning will be metered by automated meter reading. Service cables with meters will be supplied and installed by CoE up to and at the bulk metering point.</p> <p>In all cases the Installation electrician shall complete with the owner Annexure 4 (OHSA act 85 EIR 2009) and submit with application form to the City prior to any installation work commencing. The owner of the house will pay to CoE the quoted cost for the installation of the AMR/ prepayment meter and registration and any other network/service connection extensions/upgrades/provisions. The owner installation electrician provides a service cable from a bulk metering point (quoted to be installed by the City) to the DB. A copy of a COC to be supplied which will form part of the owner/ applicant appointed installation electrician responsibilities. The service cable will be connected to the meter by CoE at the bulk metering point.</p>

7. DEMAND METER PRINCIPLES

- The following principles shall be adhered to:
- No demand meter older than 3 years shall be installed (inclusive of shelf life) at installations > 150kVA.
 - No modem, which is not approved by the HOD: Energy, shall be installed.
 - To comply with the NRS057/ SANS474 for metering and for calibration of meters at 5 years (>10MVA) or 10 years (<10MVA) intervals, COE will replace these meters with new meters.
 - This is done to ensure that the meter is used within its lifecycle specification.
 - Replacement meters, and where required CTs/ VTs, shall be the appropriate accuracy class component as required in NRS057/ SANS 474.
 - Protection CTs shall not be used to perform metering functions.
 - Where metering systems are upgraded, all summation CTs will be removed and metering performed with a separate meter per feeder and the summation performed on the AMR system.

8 CREDIT CONTROL MEASURES

The metering and protective devices mentioned above are to be used in conjunction with Council's Credit Control and Debt Collection policy. The intention is to aid credit control by creating an environment that is not conducive to people electing to tamper with the electricity meter installations of COE.

In most of the existing areas, credit control and corrective measures will still be the most cost effective method of dealing with interference, since the capital outlay to protect metering is very high. The current operational costs involved in repairing damage, purchasing locks, disconnecting and reconnecting defaulters must be taken into account when determining a course of action in any area.

9. INDIGENT APPROVAL

A prepayment meter will be installed at the indigent's property (if a full title property) at no cost to the indigent applicant.

Indigents residing in private owned security complexes which is metered through a bulk meter will not be eligible to an individual Council prepayment meter.

10. DEVIATIONS FROM THE POLICY

Complex technical and social conditions may require that deviations from the policy be allowed. Examples, listed below (not exhaustively), requires a case-by-case decision by the HOD: Energy, based on practical aspects:

- Replacing all credit meters in an area or as part of a project, with prepayment metering (as per this policy). During these special projects, amnesty may be required in terms of levying the reinstatement fee for bypassed meters. Such amnesty shall be approved in writing by the HOD: Energy or his delegate and will have specific time duration. A motivation will be made

to the GCFO to put a stay on credit control for a predetermined period of time, so that the project can be completed successfully.

- In the case where a severely mismatched load factor leads to exceptionally high active energy charges to a customer, a retrospective correction in the tariff applied may be recommended to Finance, in writing by the HOD: Energy or his delegate.

11. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Continuous engagement with stakeholders is required to ensure a sustainable provision of the electricity service.

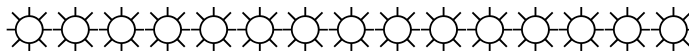
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POLICY FOR THE VENDING OF PRE-PAID ELECTRICITY

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VENDING OF PREPAYMENT ELECTRICITY

1. DEFINITIONS

Vending means the sale of electricity to customers with prepayment electricity meter connections

Tampering means unauthorized interference with the metering installation in a way that damages it or slows it down or to bypass the meter, resulting in no or a reduction in consumption being registered.

Vending service provider means the entity appointed by Council to manage the sale of prepayment electricity.

Vending agents means the outlet appointed by the vending service provider to sell prepayment electricity.

Disaster recovery is the process, policies and procedures that are related to preparing for recovery or continuation of technology infrastructure which are vital to an organization after a natural or human-induced disaster.

Cash -Power Transfer Specification (CTS) is a proprietary secure message protocol that allows information to be carried between point of sale equipment and prepayment meters.

Standard Transfer Specification (STS) is a secure message protocol that allows information to be carried between point of sale equipment and prepayment meters.

On-line vending system is a vending system where transactions requests are handled by means of real time communications and no batch communication of transactions is permitted.

Any reference to his or her includes both genders

2. VENDING SYSTEMS

- 2.1 The HOD: Energy, or his delegate, shall assume total responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the vending system within COE, with the exception of the handling of cash and the staffing of the various vending stations. ICT staff are to assist the HOD: Energy whenever and where required ensuring the continued operation of the vending system.
- 2.2 The GCFO is responsible for the handling of cash and the staffing of vending stations within the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan area. Electronic integration between the billing system and the vending system must be established.
- 2.3 The GCFO is responsible for the contract employed to ensure prepayment vending through third party vendors. This is done for the convenience of the COE customers, and essentially, entails the extension of existing vending points. Many of the outsourced points are open 24 hours per day.
- 2.4 The vending system to be used by COE shall be an on-line vending system.

- 2.5 The integration between the vending system and the Council's billing systems must cater for the blocking of the vending of electricity as per the requirement of the GCFO.
- 2.6 The CIO shall ensure that a high availability is achieved through having an offsite disaster recovery site to permit continued vending should the primary system fail.

Redundant connectivity to COE's network needs to be in place for third party service providers to permit continued vending should the primary connectivity fail.

Daily back-ups of vending system data are to be made.
- 2.7 A control system must be in place to ensure that every meter procured, once delivered is loaded onto the system. Only four system meter stores will be permitted, these being Ekurhuleni Free Meters, Ekurhuleni Scrap Meters, Ekurhuleni to Be Tested Meters and Ekurhuleni Removed Meters Holding Store.
- 2.8 No vending to individual sub-consumers of bulk customers i.e. blocks of flats, town house clusters, hostels, etc. is to be provided by COE. Instead the complex owner or body corporate is to make their own arrangements for such vending if required. Historic arrangements where individual sub-consumers are metered by COE will continue until phased out.
- 2.9 Vending systems shall be designed to vend in terms of Council policies, including monthly issues of free basic electricity, fixed charges and capacity charges and shall be able to accommodate future policy changes.
- 2.10 Mandatory information on the vending system are key fields common to both vending and billing systems that identify the property, township, owner account number, owner details and prepayment meter number.
- 2.11 The integration between the billing system and vending system must provide for automatic updating of owner or property details within the vending system to reflect any changes to owner or property details carried out on the billing system.
- 2.12 Integration between the billing system and vending system must provide for vending system transaction data to be automatically written into the billing system.
- 2.13 The integration between the billing system and the vending system must be done in such a way to ensure that the necessary data applicable to all new connections as well as changes to connections must be written to both systems.
- 2.14 All new pre-payment applications shall be captured through COE Business Process Management system in order to maintain the integrity of point of connection, account, meter and owner data on the vending system for all meters that are installed.
- 2.15 The CIO shall ensure that contracts are place in order for the vending system to be regularly upgraded to stay current with the latest release.

3. REPORTING

- 3.1 User-friendly reporting is a prerequisite of the system.
- 3.2 The vending system must support connectivity from report writing software in a non-proprietary manner such as open data base connectivity (ODBC) to permit user defined, specific reports, to be created.
- 3.3 The types of standard reports, at a minimum, that are required include:
 - 3.3.1 Low purchase levels as specified by user (i.e. <50 kWh per month).
 - 3.3.2 Purchase history of customer.
 - 3.3.3 Summaries of connections per tariff.
 - 3.3.4 No-purchase report for specified periods (e.g. 90 days no purchase).
 - 3.3.5 Connection history of a stand.
 - 3.3.6 Connection history of a meter.
 - 3.3.7 Reports detailing number of transactions per vendor as well as total sale per vendor for specified periods.
 - 3.3.8 End of shift reports.
 - 3.3.9 Report detailing actions of vending system users.
 - 3.3.10 Reversals, free issues and vending transactions.
 - 3.3.11 Sales (monetary value and kWh by township (suburb) and CCA).
 - 3.3.12 Active and inactive users.
 - 3.3.13 Report showing history of meters blocked and unblocked.
- 3.4 Training is to be provided to all COE staff involved with vending on an ongoing basis.

4. PROVISION OF VENDING STATIONS

- 4.1 In terms of NRS 047 - 2 (quality of service), a vending station is, where practical, to be located within a 5 km radius of every customer.
- 4.2 Where practical a vending station is to be provided and operated for every 2000 customers, as required by NRS 047 - 2.
- 4.3 In order to ensure that vending is available to customers on a 24-hour basis, the GCFO shall appoint a vending service provider/s. These providers will be required to appoint and manage vending agents that are suitable outlets to perform vending on behalf of Council. The vending service providers shall manage the entire third party vending function on behalf of Council inclusive of collecting monies due to Council from the vending of prepayment electricity by the vending agents and depositing the monies collected into Council's bank account. All such vending shall be carried out by means of on-line vending through Council's vending system.
- 4.4 The appointment of such agents to be done in terms of Council's Procurement Policy.

5. TYPES OF METERS

Energy is phasing out CTS meters but due to a number of CTS meters still being used in the network, the vending system should be able to vend to both CTS and STS meters until they are phased out.

6. INFORMING CUSTOMERS

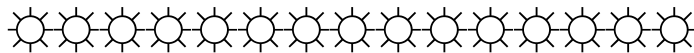
All new and existing prepayment electricity customers must be informed regarding Council's policy on prepayment electricity vending systems, prepayment meter tariff charges and charges applicable when new prepayment meters are installed, using existing structures such as customer forums, flyers, customer notices, etc.

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Annexure D15

POLICY FOR THE ESTIMATION AND CORRECTION OF METER READING AND BILLING DATA

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POLICY FOR THE ESTIMATION AND CORRECTION OF METER READING AND BILLING DATA

1. BACKGROUND

Meter reading and billing errors have occurred in the past and continue to occur due to equipment failure, as well as human error. Similarly, when finding an unmetered connection, this will require an estimation of the account. The main principle in correcting meter readings and billing data is fairness to both the customer and COE.

2. METHODOLOGY

Where any meter is found to have ceased to register or registered inaccurately or the meter installation ancillary equipment have been incorrectly wired or failed (including any legal or illegal unmetered connection) then:

- The quantity of electricity consumed at the property as per the correction report is to be paid for by the customer.
 - Payment shall be determined from the date of last accurate reading of the meter prior to its failure to register or becoming faulty, or 36 months.
 - Payment will therefore be up to the time of its repair or replacement or installation of a meter and shall be estimated by the HOD: Energy on the following basis:
- (1) Where a meter or its installation components has ceased to register correctly, COE must repair or replace the meter and/or components as soon as possible, and where no meter is found, the installation must be equipped with a meter if it complies to COE by-laws and standards. If the connection is illegal or do not comply, notice will be given and the supply will be disconnected. The unmetered connection units will also be determined and billed.
 - (2) Where a meter or its installation components has been installed or replaced or repaired in accordance with (1) above and it can be proved to the satisfaction of COE that a lesser or greater quantity of electricity has been consumed, COE must estimate the quantity of electricity that is to be paid for by the customer. The COE estimate must be fair and reasonable. It must be based on one or any applicable combination of the following:
 - (a) The average monthly or daily consumption of electricity on the premises measured by the meter during the 12 months, or any reasonable lesser representative period, before, or 3 months after the repair/replacement of the meter/installation/ancillary equipment. If the consumption pattern has changed due to seasonal or production related or any other acceptable reasons during the affected period, COE may obtain proof, or request proof from the customer as to what has changed during the period and factor in the changes, or
 - (b) the consumption of electricity on the premises for the corresponding months, or partial meter reading periods (inclusive of 30-minute interval values) of corresponding months, of the previous year taking into account seasonal variations or variations in production statistics; or
 - (c) any other technical method, using any combination of any available historical or current data, inclusive of load factor, power factor and diversity based calculations.

- (d) The decision on the final method(s) applied will be the prerogative of Council.
- (3) Where a meter or meter installation/ancillary equipment is proven faulty by a known factor, such as those resulting from an incorrect multiplication ratio, or failed current transformer or voltage transformer, meter programming, and similar, the correct ratio will be determined and applied to readings to obtain the true value of consumption and COE must calculate the quantity of electricity that is to be paid by, or credited to, the customer.
 - (4) Where a customer requested an adjustment due to the property being unoccupied, and it can be proven to the satisfaction of COE, that the customer was not in occupation of the premises for a part of the period, or the full period, the account will be adjusted in accordance with the period the customer was in occupation.
 - (5) Where the COE meter has failed and the customer can produce accurate check meter readings, these readings can be used for the correction provided that the customer meter and COE meter readings correlates, after the COE meter installation has been corrected. Compensation for losses in a transformer (MV to LV) can be taken into account if the COE meter and customer meters are installed at different voltage levels.
 - (6) When a faulty meter or a meter to be tested for calibration purposes is replaced, COE shall have the right to replace these with any newer technology meter or with a meter standardised in Council policies.

3. COMMUNICATION

Prior to any adjustments being made to a customer account:

- 3.1 the customer must be advised by the COE Manager: Revenue Services that an error has been detected with his/her account/ meter/ installation and that such error is being investigated. Proof of delivery to the customer must be recorded and included in the documents supporting the bill correction report.
- 3.2 a report must be prepared and communicated with the customer for discussion. Such a report must contain sufficient details to enable the customer to submit representations within 21 calendar days, if necessary. If the customer refers the bill correction report to his/her attorneys, the COE legal section must be informed to enable COE to take the required legal action if required.
- 3.3 should the customer fail to make any representations in the prescribed period, then Council is entitled to adjust the account as per the report referred to in 3.1 and 3.2.
- 3.4 COE shall consider any representations the customer may make and if satisfied that the submission is relevant, adjust the account appropriately.

4. DEVIATIONS

Specific circumstances, requiring a deviation from this policy may be considered by the HOD: Energy. Any deviation must be documented and signed off by the HOD: Energy, or delegated official.



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Annexure D16

ELECTRICITY TARIFF POLICY

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ELECTRICITY TARIFF POLICY

1. APPLICATION AND SCOPE

The policy is applicable to the City of Ekurhuleni.

2. OBJECTIVES OF POLICY

- ▶ To comply with guidelines received from the National Energy Regulator of South Africa
- ▶ To determine cost reflective tariffs, as far as is possible
- ▶ To ensure equitable pricing
- ▶ To ensure affordability of basic services to the community
- ▶ To ensure compliance with the Municipal Systems Act
- ▶ To comply with the provisions of the Electricity Regulation Act 4 of 2006
- ▶ To comply with the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa
- ▶ To comply with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Management Act
- ▶ To comply with the provisions of the Electricity Bylaws
- ▶ To comply with the provisions of Electricity Pricing Policy of the South African Electricity Supply Industry - Government Gazette No. 31741
- ▶ To comply with other National Policies

3. INTRODUCTION

The COE structural tariff adjustments will be in synch with the pricing signals received from Eskom and attempt to persuade electricity customers to avoid peak periods and seasons. Any proposed increase will also be in line with the mission statement of this municipality in that it provides sustainable (sufficient to cover the cost of rendering the service) and people-centred electricity tariff structures and prices, that are also affordable.

Tariffs will also contain signals that encourage energy efficiency and the investment in efficient appliances.

Any adjustments effected to Council's tariffs should take cognisance of the above realities and need to be balanced in terms of cost-reflectivity and operational budgetary requirements, whilst at the same time meeting the regulatory requirements of the National Energy Regulator of South Africa.

Council's current Tariff A residential principle remains as per the NERSA prescribed Inclining Block tariff (IBT) format. Tariff B (Residential and Bulk Residential) will be available for higher use residential customers and whereas the Residential Resellers component of this tariff structure will be exclusively available for Bulk Residential complexes.

Tariff A Business is applicable to the small business component and B (Business, Mixed Business-Residential) is applicable to the small to medium business/mixed business component. Tariffs C, D and E are applicable to the larger business and industry component.

Concessions exist for NGO's, Welfare Organisations and Sporting Bodies on certain tariff components when motivated to, and subsequently approved by the HOD: Energy.

4. TARIFF STRUCTURE

The following is a brief description of each of COE's electricity tariffs intended to achieve the objectives as set out above.

#	Tariff	Description, Customers targeted
1	Tariff A (Business)	This tariff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is available for small business only. is for single-phase 230 V connections or multi-phase 400/230V connections with a capacity of up to 80 A per phase and will suit low consumption micro business customers.
2	Tariff A (IBT)	This tariff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is available for <u>residential</u> customers only. The first block of 100kWh may be free, subject to the free basic electricity policy. is based on the inclining block principle, i.e. the more units used, the higher the rate becomes. provides Free Basic Electricity to qualifying customers.
2a	Tariff A Single Rate	This tariff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> needs to be phased out with customers merged onto the IBT (as per NERSA) provide Free Basic Electricity to qualifying customers
3	Tariff B (Residential and Bulk Residential)	This tariff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is available for <u>residential</u> customers. with the exception of the Resellers section "bulk residential", is not available for medium and high voltage customers. will suit medium to high consumption residential customers. Resellers are bound by the Electricity Regulation Act 4 of 2006 and the Electricity By-laws to resell electricity to end users as per the Electricity By-laws. The residential reseller's tariff shall only be applied by Ekurhuleni where Ekurhuleni has approved and installed a bulk meter to measure the total consumption of the bulk residential complex.
4	Tariff B (Business, Mixed Business and Residential, Commercial or Industrial)	This tariff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is available for all business single-phase 230 V or multi-phase 400/230 V connections with a capacity of up to 150 A per phase or 100 kVA. is not available for medium and high voltage customers. will suit medium to high consumption small business customers.
5	Tariff C	This tariff:

	(Multi part tariff – not time of use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> is available for bulk supplies at any voltage and with a capacity of at least 25 kVA. is for existing Tariff C customers only, no new customers will be allowed on this tariff, unless authorized by the HOD: Energy.
6	Tariff D (Multi part tariff – Time of Use)	This tariff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is for bulk supplies at any voltage and with a capacity of at least 1 MVA and a network access charge of at least 1 MVA over the previous 12 months. is available for new and existing customers. will suit large business and industrial customers.
7	Tariff E (Multi part tariff – Time of Use)	This tariff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is available for bulk supplies at any voltage and with a capacity of > 25kVA and a NAC of < 1 MVA. is available for new and existing customers. will suit small to medium size business and industrial customers
8	Tariff F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This tariff exists for all street light and traffic light consumption
9	Tariff H (Multi part tariff Residential Time of Use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This tariff is available for all residential customers single-phase 230 V or multi-phase 400/230 V connections with a capacity of up to 150 A per phase or 100 kVA. NOTE: The implementation of this tariff is dependent on the availability of advanced metering infrastructure and smart meters.
10	Tariff I (City Power tariff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This tariff is available to City Power only, where cross boundary supplies are applicable.
11	Tariff J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This tariff is available for bulk supplies at medium and high voltage situated in a position within COE demarcated boundaries and designated as close-coupled to the Eskom grid, upon approval by the HOD: Energy.

5. MAINTENANCE FUND

4% of the electricity tariffs shall feed into a maintenance fund. This fund is used for refurbishment of the existing electricity networks. This is not a levy as defined by the Municipal Fiscal Powers and Functions Act.

6. ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND

0.25% of the electricity tariffs shall feed into an energy efficiency fund. This fund is used for projects aimed at increasing electricity efficiency. This is not a levy as defined by the Municipal Fiscal Powers and Functions Act.

7. MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

These are tariffs which are applicable to miscellaneous activities and services rendered as specified in the approved schedule of tariffs.

8. APPROVAL OF TARIFFS

Tariffs are approved by Council in terms of clause 24(2)(c) (11) of the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003, and by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) in terms of clause 4(a)(ii) of the Electricity Regulation Act 4 of 2006. If the tariffs approved by Council differ from the tariffs approved by NERSA, the Council approved tariffs shall be applied, until the matter is resolved.

9. DEVIATIONS

Any justified deviations from the policy with regard to implementation of “Special Projects” shall be considered by the HOD: Energy and authorized if he/she is satisfied with the aims of such a project.

Similarly, any deviation from the exact wording of the tariff policy, which may be required in unique customer cases, shall be considered by the HOD: Energy and authorized if they are satisfied with the aims of such a deviation.

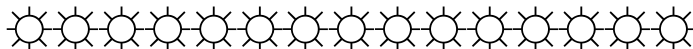
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The term “can” is used to indicate a possibility or a capability.



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ANNEXURE D17 VIREMENT POLICY

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VIREMENT POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

The compilation of a virement policy is based on the guidelines issued in Budget Circular No 51 and mSCOA Circular 8 published by National Treasury. The MFMA and the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations seek to move municipalities away from the traditional approach of appropriating/approving budgets by line item. The aim is to give the heads of municipal departments and programmes greater flexibility in managing their budgets. To further facilitate this, each municipality must put in place a council approved virements policy, which should provide clear guidance to managers of when they may shift funds between items, projects, programmes and votes.

Webster's New Millennium™ Dictionary of English defines “Virement” as “a regulated transfer or re-allocation of money from one account to another, especially public funds.” A virement represents a flexible mechanism to effect budgetary amendments within a municipal financial year.

Changing circumstances and priorities during a financial period may give rise to a need to virement (transfer) funds within or between approved Votes, as defined in the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003 (MFMA). The treatment of such instances may, however, be dependent on whether an adjustments budget is required or not.

2. PURPOSE

- a) The Group Chief Financial Officer has a statutory duty to ensure that adequate policies and procedures are in place to ensure an effective system of financial control. A municipality's virement policy and its underlying administrative process within the system of delegations is one of these controls;
- b) Section 81(1)(d) of the MFMA states inter alia that “*The chief financial officer of a municipality-...must advise senior managers and other senior officials in the exercise of powers and duties assigned to them in terms of section 78 or delegated to them in terms of section 79;*”
- c) It is the responsibility of each Head of Department to which funds are allocated, to plan and conduct assigned operations so as to not expend more funds than budgeted and to ensure that funds are utilized effectively and efficiently;
- d) Section 78(1)(b) of the MFMA states inter alia that “*Each senior manager of a municipality and each official of a municipality exercising financial management responsibilities must take all reasonable steps within their respective areas of responsibility to ensure-...(b) that the financial and other resources of the municipality are utilized effectively, efficiently, economically and transparently;*” and
- e) This policy aims to provide guidelines to senior management in the use of virements as a mechanism in their day-to-day management of their budgets. In addition, it specifically aims to empower senior managers with an efficient financial and budgetary system to ensure optimum service delivery within the current legislative framework of the MFMA and the municipality's system of delegations.

3. DEFINITIONS

- a) *Accounting Officer (MFMA)*
“(a) in relation to a municipality, means the municipal official referred to in section 60 of the MFMA
- b) *Approved Budget (MFMA)* “- means an annual budget-
i. approved by a municipal council; or
ii. approved by a provincial or the national executive following an intervention in terms of section 139 of the Constitution, and includes such an annual budget as revised by an adjustments budget in terms of section 28;”
- c) *Group Chief Financial Officer (MFMA)*
“a person designated in terms of section 80(2)(a) of the MFMA”.
- d) *Head of Department*
Section 56 of the Systems Act states inter alia that: “Appointment of managers directly accountable to municipal managers - (a) a municipal council, after consultation with the municipal manager, appoints a manager directly accountable to the municipal manager...”
- e) *Financial year*
The 12-month period between 1 July and 30 June.
- f) *mSCOA Project*
Capital projects refer to expenditure of a "long term nature" and capitalised to the Property, Plant and Equipment group of accounts in the financial statements. Projects are therefore created along this definition of capital and the detail included under the labels for either infrastructure or non-infrastructure projects.

Operational projects refer to current and short term projects for which the cost is immediately recognised as an expense and funded from the municipalities operational budget.
- g) *mSCOA Function (vote as per MFMA)*
i. Function is the standardised vote structure referred to in Section 1 of the Municipal Finance Management Act;
ii. Function is one of the main segments into which a budget of a municipality is divided for the appropriation of money for the different departments or functional areas of the municipality;
iii. which specifies the total amount that is appropriated for the purposes of the department or functional area concerned.” and
iv. The City of Ekurhuleni (CoE) definition of function is set at department level.
- h) *mSCOA Funding Source*
Funding sources available to the municipalities to invest in municipal activities.
- i) *Municipal Classification*
The Municipal Classification is the 7th unregulated SCOA segment and is informed by the organisational structure of a municipality.

j) *Regional Segment*

The purpose of the regional segment is to assign municipal expenditure at the discretion of the municipality to the lowest relevant geographical region to identify the communities that benefit from spending. This implies that expenditure must be recorded so that the final impact of such spending can be measured by region in order to get a regional view of the economic impact of government spending.

k) *Virement*

The process of transferring an approved budgetary provision from one operating cost element or capital project to another within a function during a municipal financial year, which results from changed circumstances from that which prevailed at the time of the budget adoption.

4. MFMA REGULATION ON BUDGET VERSUS EXPENDITURE

a) The MFMA regulates as follows regarding the incurring of expenditure against budgetary provisions. Section 15 – Appropriation of funds for expenditure

“A municipality may, except where otherwise provided in this Act, incur expenditure only-

- i. in terms of an approved budget; and*
- ii. within the limits of the amounts appropriated for the different votes in an approved budget.”*

b) Unauthorized expenditure (MFMA Definition)

“in relation to a municipality, means any expenditure incurred by a municipality otherwise than in accordance with section 15 or 11(3), and includes-

- i. overspending of the total amount appropriated in the municipality's approved budget;*
- ii. overspending of the total amount appropriated for a vote in the approved budget;*
- iii. expenditure from a vote unrelated to the department or functional area covered by the vote;*
- iv. expenditure of money appropriated for a specific purpose, otherwise than for that specific purpose;*
- v. spending of an allocation referred to in paragraph (ii), (iii) or (iv) of the definition of "allocation" otherwise than in accordance with any conditions of the allocation; or*
- vi. a grant by the municipality otherwise than in accordance with the MFMA;”*

c) Overspending (MFMA Definition)

- i. “in relation to the budget of a municipality, means causing the operational or capital expenditure incurred by the municipality during a financial year to exceed the total amount appropriated in that year's budget for its operational or capital expenditure, as the case may be; and*
- ii. in relation to a vote, means causing appropriation under that vote to exceed the amount budgeted for that vote; or*

Section 71(1)(g)(iii) states inter alia *“(1) The accounting officer of a municipality must by no later than 10 working days after the end of each month submit to the mayor of the municipality and the relevant provincial treasury a statement in the prescribed format on the state of the municipality's budget reflecting the following particulars for that month and for the financial year up to the end of that month:...(g) when necessary, an explanation of- ...(iii) any remedial or corrective steps taken or to be taken to ensure that projected revenue and expenditure remain within the municipality's approved budget....”*

5. VIREMENT REQUIREMENTS

- a) The virement process represents the major mechanism to align and take corrective (financial/budgetary) action within a department or functional area during a financial year;
- b) Virement within the mSCOA Function is permitted as the total amount appropriated for the purpose of the functional area will not increase or reduce. Virement from one mSCOA Function to any other mSCOA Function is not permitted in terms of the National Treasury Circular 89;
- c) Virement is only permitted for transfer within the same Funding Source. Any virements to or from a different Funding Source should be done through adjustment budget;
- d) Virement to or from the Municipal Classification segment
In order for a function (department) to transfer funds from one cost center to another cost center, a saving has to be identified within the monetary limitations of the approved “giving” cost center allocations on the respective budgets;
- e) Virement to or from mSCOA Regional segment is permitted on condition that it does not hinder service delivery with regards to the delivery of ward priorities as approved in the adopted or adjustment budget;
- f) Sufficient, (non-committed) budgetary provision should be available within the “giving” vote or project concerned to give effect to the budgetary transfer (virement). In addition, the transferring function must clearly indicate to which cost center or capital project the budget provision will be transferred to and provide a clear motivation for the transfer;
- g) Any budgetary amendment of which the net impact will be a change to the total approved annual budget allocation and any other amendments not covered in this policy are to be considered for budgetary adoption via an adjustments budget (per MFMA Section 28); and
- h) In terms of Section 17 of the MFMA a municipality’s budget is divided into an operating and capital budget and consequently no virements are permitted between Operating and Capital Budgets.

Budget Circular 51 and mSCOA Circular 8 issued by National Treasury gives the following guiding principles which could be incorporated into the virements policy:

- *A Project extending over/ incorporating more than one mSCOA function or sub function, then savings in the budgetary allocation in a function or sub-function may be applied across the functions and/ or sub-functions directly linked to the same Project and Funding Source;*
- *Virements should not be permitted in relation to the revenue side of the budget;*
- *Virements between functions should be permitted where the proposed shifts in funding facilitate sound risk and financial management (e.g. the management of central insurance funds and insurance claims from separate votes);*

- *Virements from the capital budget to the operating budget should not be permitted, Operational funds to the Capital Budget may be done, but only via an adjustments budget; ;*
- *Virements towards personnel expenditure should not be permitted, except where:*
 - *temporary/ contracted (budget for as contracted services in terms to the mSCOA Classification) staff status has changed to permanent staff; or*
 - *the budget savings resulted from Outsourced Services within the same function in terms of a Council delegated authority).*
- *Virements to or from the following items should not be permitted: bulk purchases; debt impairment, interest charges; depreciation, grants to individuals, revenue foregone, insurance and VAT;*
- *Virements should not result in adding 'new' projects to the Capital Budget;*
- *Virements of conditional grant funds to purposes outside of that specified in the relevant conditional grant framework must not be permitted; and*
- *There should be prudent limits on the amount of funds that may be moved to and from a function and its sub-functions. In terms of national best practise, a maximum percentage or monetary value of the budget of a Function/ programme/ project may be re-allocated/ shifted through virement (e.g. not more than 5 per cent of the budget may be moved to or from a function, programme, project, etc.)*

6. OPERATING BUDGET VIREMENTS

- a) Virements are not allowed to utilize special purpose budgetary allocations, adopted by Council as such and to which specific Council recommendations apply and which result from specific resolutions adopted when adopting the budget, as virement sources;
- b) Virement is not permitted from the repairs and maintenance projects being part of the Operational project segment. Virement to or within the repairs and maintenance projects is allowed;
- c) Virement to or from the municipal running cost projects and virement to or from typical work stream projects is allowed;
- d) Sound motivations should be provided for all virements, as provided for on the virement documentation. Motivations for virements between projects should clearly state the reason for the saving within the "giving" project, as well as the reason for the additional amount required;
- e) Revenue items:
 - i. Except for Operating and Capital Transfers and Subsidies revenue items, no virements will be approved on any Revenue elements. Revenue provisions' amendments are to be adopted via an adjustments budget; and
 - ii. Virement of the income budget between the various CCA's are allowed, as long as the income category is not increased/decreased. (motivation – though the total per category is not changing, it might be necessary to adjust the income budgets between the various income line items or CCA budgets).

Virements on various mSCOA item expenditure are discussed below:

- f) Employee related costs:

- i. Virements are allowed between line items of - and only if these virements are within - this item expenditure;
 - ii. Virements are allowed between the various cost centers due to the change of the organizational structure of Council. (motivation – staff move in a department to other divisions or even CCA's); and
 - iii. Virements are allowed in cases where a general provision was made for certain type of salary expenses (i.e. general provision made for temporary appointments for staff on maternity leave of long extensive sickness, allocation of pooled funds for new positions, etc.).
- g) Remuneration of Councilors
 - i. Virements within this category are allowed; and
 - ii. No virements to and from this category are allowed.
- h) Transfers and Subsidies - Operational:
 - i. No virements are permitted to and from Transfers and Subsidies - Operational, except if supported by a Council decision for such transfer and as per the approved Grants-in-Aid Policy.
- i) Any other expenditure items (general expenditure)
 - i. Virements to and from General Expenditure are allowed
- j) The following categories are not to be used as sources of virements, but virements are allowed within each line item:
 - i. Training related expenditure;
 - ii. Bargaining Council provisions and skills development levies;
 - iii. Insurance related provisions;
 - iv. Pensioner and Continued Members; and
 - v. All vehicle operating budget line items.
- k) No virements are allowed to and from the following items or provisions:
 - i. Capital Expenditure-related elements;
 - ii. Scrapping of Assets / Stock;
 - iii. VAT; and
 - iv. Insurance Fund.
- l) Contracted Services
 - i. Virements to and from these items are allowed.
- m) Departmental charges and internal cost line items

Provision is made for the charges of some internal costs to various departments including departmental costs of municipal services. Departments are not allowed to use any of these line items as a source of virement. However, the Group Chief Financial Officer may effect virements within this category of line items, both in terms of expenditure and income recoveries.
- n) No virements will be permitted to and from the following expenditure categories, unless such amendments are effected within the line item:
 - i. Bulk Purchases (unless it directly relates to additional income from sales);
 - ii. Debt impairment;
 - iii. Interest Charges and Depreciation;
 - iv. Indigent Relief and Income Forgone; and

- v. Appropriation Account.
- o) Virements may not increase or decrease the total approved budget
- p) Virements will be approved on condition that the requirements of all mSCOA segments are met.

7. CAPITAL BUDGET VIREMENTS

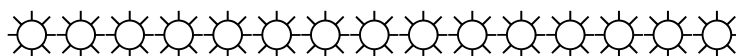
- a) Only virements which relate to projects approved as part of annual or adjustments budget, will be permitted;
- b) No virements of which the affect will be to add “new” projects onto the Capital budget will be allowed;
- c) Virements must be between projects of similar funding sources (e.g. from EFF to EFF);
- d) Implementation of the project from which funds are vimented may not be prejudiced (i.e. must not hinder completion of the project);
- e) Virements are not allowed if the IDP goal or the SDBIP target is affected. Such cases must be addressed in the Adjustment Budget; and
- f) Motivations for virements should clearly state the reason for the saving within the “giving” project, as well as the reason for the additional amount required.

8. PROCESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- a) Accountability to ensure that virement application forms are completed in accordance with Council’s Virement Policy and that these are not in conflict with a department’s strategic objectives rests with the Head of Department;
- b) Completed virement documentation is to be effected by the Divisional Head: Budget and Management Accounting after the necessary approvals have been consented to in signature;
- c) Despite the above conditions the Group Chief Financial Officer may implement additional conditions for any transfers within the Virement Policy. Such conditions may be addressed before the implementation of the new budget or during the financial year. This would enable the GCFO to comply with any national or provincial directives issued during the year;
- d) mSCOA (Standard Chart of Accounts) Requirements
Any virements between existing line items or from existing line items to new line items as prescribed in the Standard Chart of Accounts be allowed to eventually comply fully with the line items as per the Standard Chart of Accounts.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This reviewed policy will be effective as from 1 July 2020.



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Annexure D18

CONSUMER AGREEMENT POLICY

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is expedient for municipalities to take reasonable steps to ensure that services are rendered to consumers;

AND WHEREAS the submission and updating of valid customer information are critical in delivery of service, statements and collection process;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Ekurhuleni has adopted the Consumer Deposit Policy as set out hereunder –

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CONSUMER AGREEMENT POLICY

1. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, shall bear that same meaning in this policy, unless the context indicates otherwise:

- "Account"** : Account in name of customer held with the City of Ekurhuleni;
- "Account Statement"** : Account Statement - formal notification by means of a statement of account to registered account holder liable for payment of amounts levied for fees, charges, surcharges on fees, property rates and other municipal taxes and services, levies, penalties and duties, indicating the net accumulated balance of the account
- "Act"** : means the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), as amended from time to time;
- "Arrears"** : Amount due, owing and payable in respect of fees, charges, surcharges on fees, property rates and other municipal taxes and services, levies, penalties and duties and not paid by the due date;
- "By-law"** : means a by-law adopted by the Municipality;
- "Chief Financial Officer"** : means the person appointed by the municipality as Group Chief Financial Officer of the City of Ekurhuleni in terms of section 56 of the Local Government : Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000).: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000);
- "City Manager"** : means the person appointed by the Municipality as the City Manager of the City of Ekurhuleni in terms of section 82 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act 117 of 1998), and includes any person acting in such position and to whom the City Manager has delegated a power, function or duty;
- "Consumer"** : means any occupier of any premises to which the municipality has agreed to supply or is actually supplying municipal services, or if there is no occupier, the owner of the premises and or recipient and or consumer of

various services rendered by the municipality. A customer will therefore be deemed a customer by virtue of receiving, consuming and or utilising any facility, equipment, service rendered by the municipality and or a municipal entity or an agent as appointed by the municipality

- “Council”** : Means –
- (a) the “Municipality” and vice versa;
 - (b) the Council of the City of Ekurhuleni established by Provincial Notice No. 6768, as amended, exercising its legislative and executive authority through the municipality;
 - (c) its successor in title; or
 - (d) a structure or person exercising a delegated power or carrying out an instruction, where any power in these by-laws has been delegated or sub-delegated, or an instruction given, as contemplated in section 59 of the Act;
 - (e) a service provider fulfilling a responsibility under these by-laws, assigned to it in terms of section 81(2) of the act, or any other by-law, as the case may be.
- “customer”** : means “Consumer”
- “illegal connection”** : a connection to any system through which municipal services are provided, which is not authorised or approved by the Municipality or its authorised agent;
- “municipality”** : means the “council” and vice versa
- “owner”**
- (a) in relation to a property referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of “property”, means a person in whose name ownership of the property is registered;
 - (b) in relation to a right referred to in paragraph (b) of the definition of “property”, means a person in whose name the right is registered;
 - (c) in relation to a land tenure right referred to in paragraph (c) of the definition of “property”, means a person in whose name the right is registered or to whom it was granted in terms of legislation; or
 - (d) in relation to public service infrastructure referred to in paragraph (d) of the definition of “property”, means the organ of state which owns or controls that public service infrastructure as envisaged in

the definition of “publicly controlled”: provided that a person mentioned below may for the purpose of these By-laws be regarded by the Council as the owner of a property in the following cases:

- (i) A trustee, in the case of a property in a trust excluding state trust land;
- (ii) An executor or administrator, in the case of a property in a deceased estate;
- (iii) A trustee or liquidator, in the case of a property in an insolvent estate or in liquidation;
- (iv) A judicial manager, in the case of a property in the estate of a person under judicial management;
- (v) A curator, in the case of a property in the estate of a person under curatorship;
- (vi) A person in whose name a usufruct or other personal servitude is registered, in the case of a property that is subject to a usufruct or other personal servitude;
- (vii) A lessee, in the case of a property that is registered in the name of the Council and is leased by it; or
- (viii) A buyer, in the case of a property that was sold by the Council and of which possession was given to the buyer pending registration of ownership in the name of the buyer;
- (e) any legal person, including but not limited to:
 - (i) a company registered in terms of the Companies Act, 1973, a trust, a close corporation registered in terms of the Close Corporations Act, 1984; as amended by the Companies Act, 2008;
 - (ii) any department of State;
 - (iii) any Council or Board established in terms of any legislation applicable to the Republic of South Africa;
 - (iv) any Embassy or other foreign entity.

“Registered Property” : Property registered in Deeds Office

2. CONSUMER AGREEMENT

- (a) In order to ensure that a proper legal relationship exists between the Council and its customers, no services shall be supplied unless a consumer agreement had been entered into between the Municipality and the customer.
- (b) The customer must apply for the services on the form prescribed by Council, and the consumer agreement must form an integral part of the application.
- (c) The customer must furnish all the particulars required in the application form and sign it before it is submitted to the Municipality.
- (d) A consumer agreement must be updated whenever the provisions of the agreement no longer reflect the correct particulars of the customer, or the type of service rendered to the owner or occupier of property changes.
- (e) The employees of the municipality must take care that the customer understands what information is required in the application form as well as the implications when applying for a service.

3. DEPOSIT

Deposit in respect of services will be raised as set out in Deposit Policy, the amount of which is determined by Council, from time to time.

4. CATEGORIES OF CONSUMERS

This policy shall apply to, but not be limited to, the following **categories of consumers**

- (a) Residential consumers
- (b) Business consumers
- (c) Non-governmental organisations for profit and non profit
- (d) Educational institutions for profit and non profit
- (e) Religious institutions
- (f) National, provincial and local government
- (g) State owned entities
- (h) Any other category of consumers as determined by the municipality from time to time

Different application forms for different categories of customers may be prescribed.

5. CATEGORIES OF USAGE OF PROPERTIES

The usage of properties will be determined in terms of the zoning of property as approved in terms of Town Planning Scheme and may include, but not be limited to:

- (a) Residential properties;
- (b) Industrial properties;
- (c) Business and commercial properties;
- (d) Farm properties used for –
 - (i) agricultural purposes;
 - (ii) residential purposes
 - (iii) Industrial purposes;
 - (iv) business and commercial purposes; or

- (v) purposes other than those specified in sub paragraphs (i) to (iv);
- (e) Smallholdings used for –
 - (i) agricultural purposes;
 - (ii) residential purposes
 - (iii) Industrial purposes;
 - (iv) business and commercial purposes; or
 - (v) purposes other than those specified in sub paragraphs (i) to (iv);
- (f) State-owned properties;
- (g) Municipal properties;
- (h) Public service infrastructure;
- (i) Public service purpose properties;
- (j) Privately owned towns serviced by the owner;
- (k) Formal and informal settlements;
- (l) State trust land;
- (m) Protected areas;
- (n) Properties on which national monuments are proclaimed;
- (o) Properties owned by public benefit organizations and used for any specific public benefit activities listed in Part 1 of the Ninth Schedule to the Income Tax Act; or
- (p) Properties used for multiple purposes.

6. CATEGORIES OF SERVICE

Customers may apply for any of the following services, where the necessary service infra-structure already exists, or are in the process of being installed:

- (a) Water provision
- (b) Sewerage
- (c) Electricity
- (d) Refuse removal services
- (e) Other services - Any other service rendered by council.

7. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Every customer agreement must contain standard terms and conditions covering at least the following aspects:

(i) General terms and conditions

- (a) The Applicant must apply to the City of Ekurhuleni for the supply of the services stipulated in the application form.
- (b) The Municipality must have jurisdiction and control over the property to which the agreement relates and the applicant must accept responsibility for the payment of all amounts due for such services.
- (c) The Applicant must warrant that in the case where a change of ownership of the property has taken place, an electrical compliance certificate had been obtained.
- (d) Failure to receive an account statement, for whatever reason, does not exempt the customer from payment thereof.

- (e) The Applicant must undertake to notify the Municipality in writing should an account for services rendered not be received within one month after the closing date of the period in which those services were rendered.
- (f) The Applicant must state the date of intended occupation of the property where the service applied for is required.
- (g) The Municipality may not approve an application for the provision of any municipal services, unless the applicant has signed an agreement, in a form as determined by the Municipality for that purpose, accepting the terms and conditions for the provision of such services.
- (h) Where the purpose for or extent to which any municipal service to customer has changed, the onus and obligation is with the customer to advise the Municipality of such change.

(ii) Management of accounts

- (a) The Municipality may in terms of the Municipal Systems Act-
 - (i) consolidate any separate accounts of the Applicant;
 - (ii) credit a payment by the Applicant against any account of the Applicant; and
 - (iii) implement any of its debt collection and credit control measures in relation to any arrears on any of the accounts of the Applicant.
 - (iv) credit a payment to any debt of the applicant.
- (b) The Municipality may appropriate all payments on outstanding accounts in the order as set out in Credit Control Policy.
- (c) The Municipality may –
 - (i) with the consent of the Applicant, enter into an agreement with the Applicant's employer to deduct from the salary or wages of the Applicant –
 - (aa) any outstanding amounts due by the Applicant to the Municipality; or
 - (bb) such regular monthly amounts as may be agreed; and
 - (ii) provide special incentives for –
 - (aa) employers to enter into such agreements; and
 - (bb) employees to consent to such agreements.

(iii) Account Queries

- (a) Account query refers to the instance when a customer queries any specific amount or any content contained in any account as rendered by the Council;
- (b) Query must be raised in writing at any of the Council's administrative offices;
- (c) Customer to furnish in writing full personal particulars including acceptable means of identification, contact details and account number in respect of which amount owing is queried;
- (d) Customer may be represented by a duly appointed nominee or agent, and such nominee or agent shall upon request produce sufficient proof of such appointment;

- (e) Pending the outcome of query, customer may apply for temporary payment extension in terms of provisions of this policy;
- (f) the customer shall, pending the resolution and outcome of the query, continue to make regular payments on services that are **NOT** in dispute **PLUS** the average charges for the preceding three months prior to the arising of the dispute in respect of remaining part of account or disputed service until the resolution of that query;
- (g) should a customer not be satisfied with the outcome of the query, a customer may lodge an appeal in terms of section 62, as read with section 95 (f), of the Systems Act.

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(iv) Dispute as to Amount Owing

- (a) A customer may lodge an appeal in terms of section 62, as read with section 95 (f), of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000.
- (b) Customer to furnish in writing full personal particulars including acceptable means of identification, contact details and account number in respect of which amount owing is disputed.
- (c) Only disputes lodged by registered account holder will be considered.
- (d) Customer may be represented by a duly appointed nominee or agent, and such nominee or agent shall upon request produce sufficient proof of such appointment.
- (e) Should any written dispute arise as to the amount owing on the account in respect of all services by a customer, the customer shall, pending the resolution and outcome of that dispute, continue to make regular minimum payments based on the average charges for the preceding three months prior to the arising of the dispute, plus interest, until the resolution of that dispute.
- (f) Should any written dispute arise as to the amount owing on part of the account or service by a customer, the customer shall, pending the resolution and outcome of that dispute, continue to make regular payments on services that are **NOT** in dispute **PLUS** the average charges for the preceding three months prior to the arising of the dispute in respect of remaining part of account or disputed service until the resolution of that dispute.

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(v) Charging for services and meters

- (a) Services supplied by the Municipality to a customer shall be paid for by the customer at the rate and date determined by the Council for that particular service.
- (b) A customer shall be responsible for the payment for all services supplied to the premises of the customer from the date on which the service must commence in terms of the consumer agreement, until the date of termination thereof.
- (c) All meters shall remain the property of the Municipality. Breakage, new installation or repairs due to mismanagement by customer are for the customer's account.

- (d) Any tampering or bridging out of meters shall constitute a criminal offence.
- (e) Free and unrestricted access to the meters must be available at all reasonable times. If access is not available or denied, services may be discontinued after due notice or additional levies may be imposed.
- (f) Interim levy, based on deemed consumption, will be raised in the event that no consumption reading, for whatever reason, is obtained during reading cycle.

(vi) *Claim that payment has been made*

No claim that a payment has been made shall be entertained, unless such a claim is supported by a valid receipt for the particular amount and account, issued by the Municipality or one of its official third party pay points.

(vii) *Interest*

Interest at the applicable rate prevailing from time to time, calculated per month or part thereof must be charged on arrear amounts and may be made payable from the date on which the payment of the account became due.

(viii) *Attorney and own client costs*

In the event of the Municipality instituting legal proceedings against a customer, arising out of the breach of any term or condition of this agreement, the customer shall be liable to pay attorney and own client costs, debt collection costs; including the costs of any tracing fees, in respect of such proceedings.

(ix) *Reduction, suspension or termination of services*

The Municipality may reduce, suspend or terminate the services to a customer in terms of its credit control and debit collection policy, if the customer fails to –

- (a) pay an account; or
- (b) comply with the conditions of the agreement; or
- (c) make representations to the Municipality explaining the reasons for the default.

(x) *Termination of customer agreement*

- (a) A customer may terminate the customer agreement by giving the Council not less than 7 calendar days' notice in writing. It must be noted that transfer of ownership of the property does not amount to a notice of termination of services or of this agreement.
- (b) The Council may terminate this agreement (on notice of not less than 7 days) if:
 - (i) the customer has not consumed any services during the preceding 6 months;
 - (ii) the customer has committed a breach of the agreement or the by-laws, and has failed to rectify such breach within 48 hours after being required in writing by the Municipality to do so; or

- (iii) the customer receives the supply of water or electricity from another authority by virtue of an arrangement between the Municipality and such authority.
- (c) The Municipality may, without notice, terminate the consumer agreement for supply of water and electricity if a customer has vacated the premises to which such consumer agreement relates, and failed to make arrangements to the satisfaction of the Municipality for the continuation of the consumer agreement for supply of water and/or electricity.
- (d) If the customer is also the owner of the property concerned, the customer will remain responsible for any consumption of service and /or levies on the property until a valid new customer agreement has been entered into.
- (e) If the consumer of services, other than the owner, terminates the agreement, the service will automatically be transferred back to the owner of the property.

(xi) Consent to jurisdiction of the Magistrate's Court

- (a) The Applicant must consent to the jurisdiction of the Magistrate's Court in terms of section 45 of the Magistrate's Court Act, 1944 (Act 32 of 1944), as amended, in respect of any action which the Council may institute against him/her arising out of this agreement: Provided that the Municipality shall, notwithstanding the above, have the right to proceed with any such action in any competent court of law.
- (b) The Applicant's attention shall be drawn to the fact that the standard terms and conditions are subject to National, Provincial and Local legislation with regard to Local Government.

8. INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED WITH APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

Every person who applies for a service must indicate the relationship between him/her and the property where the service is required, namely, whether he/she is—

(i) Individuals

- the owner - If the Applicant is the owner:
 - a copy of the deed of transfer containing the date of registration should accompany application.
 - certified copy of the Identity Documents of registered owners.
 - In the case of new connection, a certificate of occupation and an electricity approval certificate when application is made for the connection of electricity.
 - In the case of an existing connection, an electricity compliance certificate when application is made for the connection of electricity.
- the tenant - If the Applicant is the tenant:
 - a copy of the lease / rental agreement shall accompany application,
 - who is renting the property from a person/company who is not the owner of the property, he/she must submit a copy of the agreement between him/her and that person/company,
 - written permission from the owner/agent to supply services to the tenant.
 - certified copy of the Identity Documents of registered owners and tenants.

- an electricity compliance certificate when application is made for the connection of electricity.
- In the case of minors, the prescribed written consent and undertaking by the legal parent/guardians, and a copy of their ID documents.

(ii) Business or Legal Entity

If the applicant is a business or legal entity –

- the application must be supported by a copy of the resolution of the business entity in which the application for the service is authorized.
- Copy of registration at Registrar of Companies not older than six months.
- Copy of the VAT registration certificate not older than six months.
- Copy of Identity Document of person authorized to open account.
- a copy of the deed of transfer containing the date of registration should accompany application if applicant is the owner of property
- written permission from the owner/agent to supply services to the tenant if applicant is not owner of property.

(iii) Government, Provincial Government, Municipality.

- The name of the entity, plus the name and contact details of the Chief Accounting Officer of the entity must be supplied;
- a copy of the deed of transfer containing the date of registration should accompany application if applicant is the owner of property
- written permission from the owner/agent to supply services to the tenant if applicant is not owner of property.

(iv) **Other Details** that will be requested to be furnished may include, but not be limited to:

- Contact details of applicant
- Physical address of applicant
- Postal Address of applicant

9. DECLARATION

The application form must contain a declaration stating the following:

(i) Deposit

The applicant acknowledges that –

- (a) Deposit made by a customer is refundable, free of interest, on termination of the supply of services, provided that all outstanding amounts have been settled in terms of the property.
- (b) Deposit shall be forfeited to the Council if not claimed in writing by the customer within 12 months of the termination of all services.
- (c) The customer must notify the office of the Chief Financial Officer of any change of address in order to facilitate the refund of the deposit.

(ii) Terms and Conditions of supply

The Applicant confirms that he/she has read and agrees to the terms and conditions of supply of the services applied for as set out in application, and those laid down in the by-laws of the Municipality as well as any other applicable laws and policies

(iii) Correctness of Information furnished in application.

The applicant must certify that the information furnished in the application form is in all aspects true and correct.

10. PHASING OUT OF TENANT ACCOUNTS

- i. With effect from 1 July 2017, accounts will be registered in name of owners of property only.
- ii. Existing “Residential” tenant accounts as at 1 July 2017, will be phased out over period of eighteen months.
 - a. Property owners to be informed in writing of all linked active “tenant” accounts.
 - b. Property owners to arrange for closure of existing tenant accounts and full payment of tenant debt or alternatively, on written application of owner, transfer of tenant debt to consolidated owners account by 31 December 2018. Deposit value as applicable to linked tenant accounts to be raised against owner account.
 - c. All services in respect of property owners not complying with (b) by 31 December 2018, to be disconnected and owners informed in writing of closure of linked tenant accounts. All services to be transferred administratively to consolidated owners account. Reinstatement of services will require owner to enter into new service level agreement and payment of deposit at promulgated rate.
 - d. Formal tenant debt repayment arrangements as at 31 December 2018 will remain in force until redeemed in full.
- iii. Tenant accounts, on written request by property owner, be allowed in respect of “Business” related property categories as reflected in published valuation roll.
- iv. Tenant accounts, be allowed in respect of Government, Provincial or Municipal debtor groups.
- v. Registered Indigents and child headed households – Residential Tenant accounts be allowed in instances where property occupant qualifies for indigent support in respect of Indigent support policy and administrators of child headed households.
- vi. Residential Tenant accounts, be allowed in respect of accounts under legal administration, liquidation, sequestration or deceased estates.
- vii. In relation to business and government tenant accounts, account administration fee in addition to linked services may be levied to recover costs of additional administration. This to be implemented as from 1 January 2019.

11. FRAUD, THEFT AND OTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

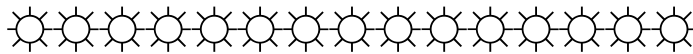
- (a) Subject to applicable legislation, the Council may refuse to enter into consumer agreement with a consumer who is found guilty of fraud, theft or any other criminal offence, or, where it is evident that such criminal offence has occurred, until such

time as the total costs, penalties, other fees, illegal consumption and any applicable tariffs and rates due to the Council have been paid in full.

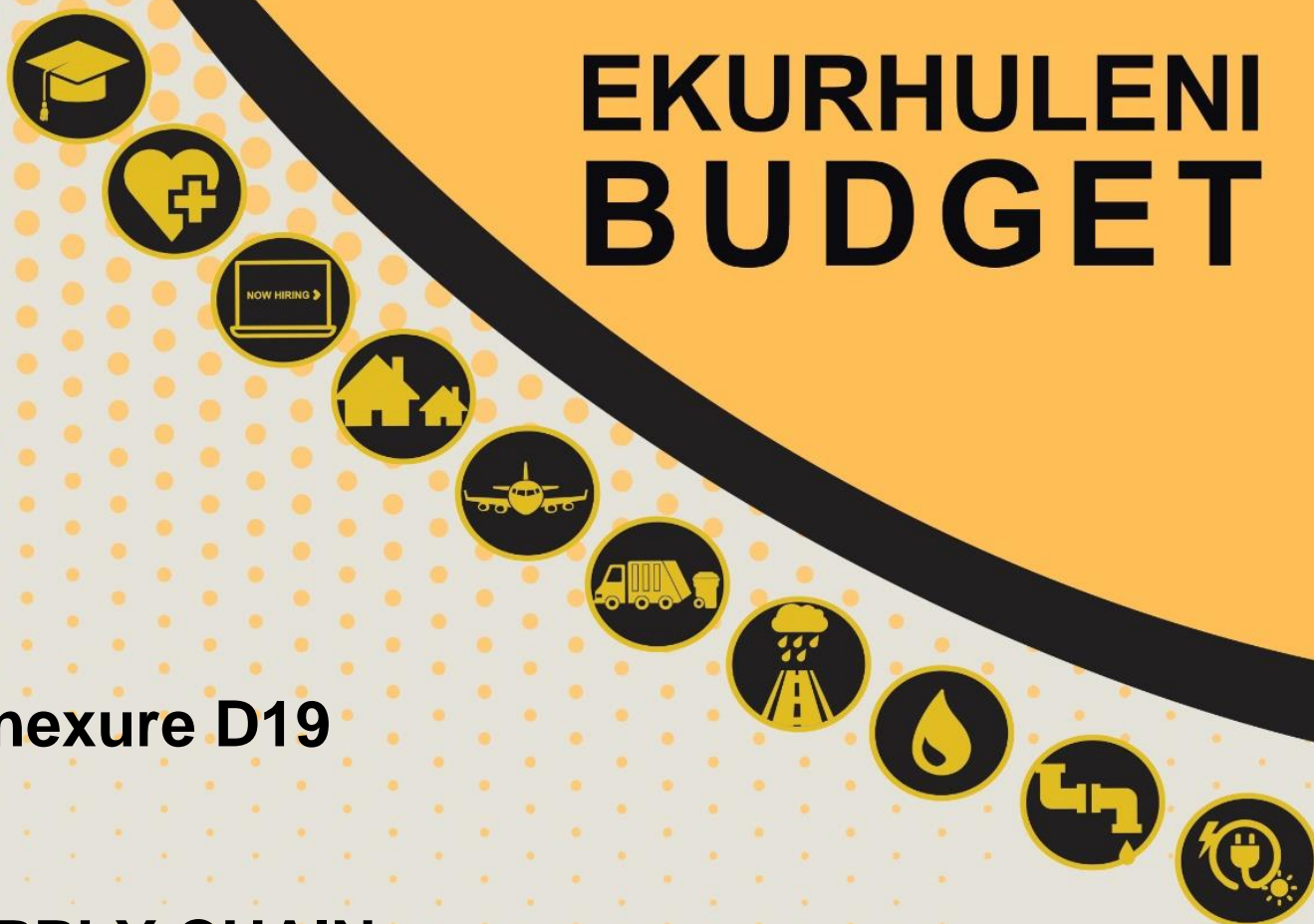
- (b) Illegal connection, reconnection or tampering with a service supply of Council is considered a criminal offence which will result in legal actions being taken and the immediate cancellation of user agreement between council and consumer.
- (c) Council reserves the right to refuse service agreement with tenant where illegal connection, reconnection or tampering with service supply has been identified and as such will only consider new consumer agreement with owner of property.

12. SHORT TITLE

This policy shall be called the Consumer Agreement Policy of the City of Ekurhuleni.



EKURHULENI BUDGET



Annexure D19

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY

2020-2021

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1.1 ADOPTION OF SCM POLICY

- 1.1.1 The Municipal Supply Chain Management (MSCM) Regulations provide that:
- 1.1.1.1 Regulation 3(1) states that the Accounting Officer (AO), who is the City Manager (CM) of the municipality shall:
- 1.1.1.2 promptly prepare and submit a draft supply chain management (SCM) policy, complying with MSCM Regulation 2 to the Council for adoption
- 1.1.1.3 at least annually review the implementation of the policy, and
- 1.1.1.4 when the CM considers it necessary, submit proposals for amendment of the policy to the Council.
- 1.1.2 Regulation 3(2) states that:
- 1.1.2.1 the CM may use any Treasury guidelines determining standards for municipal SCM policies and submit to Council that standard or a modified version thereof, as a draft policy
- 1.1.2.2 if the CM submits a draft policy to the Council that differs from the (National Treasury's) guideline standard, the CM shall ensure that such draft policy complies with Regulation 2.
- 1.1.2.3 the CM shall report any deviation from the guideline standard to the National Treasury and the relevant Provincial Treasury.
- 1.1.2.4 Regulation 3(3) states that when preparing or amending its SCM policy, the municipality shall take account of the need for uniformity in SCM practices, particularly to promote accessibility of SCM systems for small businesses.
- 1.1.3 Regulation 3(4) states that the CM shall in terms of section 62(1)(f)(iv) of the MFMA take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Municipality has and implements a SCM policy as set out in Regulation 2.

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1.2 REVIEW OF SCM POLICY

- 1.2.1 The approved supply chain management (SCM) policy shall be reviewed at least annually to ensure that it is aligned to applicable legislation and regulations.
- 1.2.2 Following each review, if the SCM policy requires updating, the CM shall submit an updated draft policy to Council for adoption.

1.3 AMENDMENT HISTORY

Table 1

No	Amendment reference	Effective date	Section	Paragraph	Short description

1.4 DISTRIBUTION OF SCM POLICY

- 1.4.1 All changes shall be distributed to relevant SCM role players.
- 1.4.2 After changes have been made, updated hard copies and electronic copies (posted on the Intranet) of the document shall be sent at least to the following COE officials:
- 1.4.3 City Manager
- 1.4.4 Heads of Departments
- 1.4.5 Divisional Heads
- 1.4.6 Senior officials and project managers
- 1.4.7 Members of Bid Committees.
- 1.4.8 All supply chain officials.
- 1.4.9 All COE employees who specifically need to be informed of the changes.

1.5 APPLICABILITY OF SCM POLICY

- 1.5.1 This policy is applicable to the COE and all COE's SCM activities shall be executed in line with this policy.
- 1.5.2 The policy shall also apply to COE's Entities, once adopted by the Board of Directors of each such Entity.
- 1.5.3 In terms of Municipal SCM Regulation (2), where Entities have their own SCM policy, such policy shall be consistent with this COE SCM policy.

1.6 TRANSGRESSION OF SCM POLICY

- 1.6.1 Any COE official, who acts contrary to any provision of this policy, shall be subject to disciplinary action in line with COE's Disciplinary Policy.

SECTION 2 TERMINOLOGY

2.1 ABBREVIATIONS

Table 2

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
AG	Auditor-General
CM	Accounting Officer – (known in COE as the City Manager)
B-BBEE	Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment
B-BBEE Act	Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, Act No. 53 of 2003.
BEE	Black Economic Empowerment
GCFO	Group Chief Financial Officer
CIDB	Construction Industry Development Board
CM	City Manager
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry
GCC	General Conditions of Contract
IDP	Integrated Development Plan
IT	Information Technology
ITC	Information to Consultants
LCC	Life Cycle Costing
MFMA	Municipal Finance Management Act, Act No. 56 of 2003.
MSA	Municipal Systems Act, Act No. 32 of 2000.
MSCM Regulations	Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations of 2005
MTREF	Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework
NIPP	National Industrial Participation Programme
PCCA	Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, Act No. 12 of 2004
PPP	Public-Private Partnership
PPPFA	Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, Act No. 5 of 2000
QBS	Quality Based Selection
QCBS	Quality and Cost Based Selection
RFI	Request for Information
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFQ	Request for Quotation
SAPS	South African Police Services
SARS	South African Revenue Services
SCM	Supply Chain Management
SCM Unit	Supply Chain Management Unit
SITA	State Information Technology Agency
SLA	Service Level Agreement
TCO	Total Cost of Ownership
TOR	Terms of Reference
WIP	Work in Process

2.2 DEFINITIONS

Table 3

TERM	DEFINITION
Accountability	The personal responsibility of a person to his senior or higher authority for any act or omission in the execution of his assigned duties (accountability cannot be delegated).
Accounting	Means the recording of all receipts and issues and continued recording thereof
Accounting officer	Also the City Manager and means the municipal officer referred to in section 60 of the MFMA
Acquisition management	<p>The process of procurement of goods, works and services and includes the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of preferential policy objectives; <input type="checkbox"/> Determination of market strategy; <input type="checkbox"/> Application of depreciation rates; <input type="checkbox"/> Application of total cost of ownership principle; <input type="checkbox"/> Compilation of quotation/bid documentation, including conditions; <input type="checkbox"/> Determination of evaluation criteria; <input type="checkbox"/> Publishing of quotes/bids <input type="checkbox"/> Receiving and opening of quotes/bids <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation of quotes/bids and tabling of recommendations; <input type="checkbox"/> Award of quotes/bids <input type="checkbox"/> Negotiations <input type="checkbox"/> Compilation and signing of contract documents <input type="checkbox"/> Access to information <input type="checkbox"/> Contract administration.
Asset	<p>It is a resource controlled by the municipality as a result of past events and from which future economic benefits or service potential is expected to flow to the municipality. It has the following characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> It possesses service potential or future economic benefit that is expected to flow to the municipality. <input type="checkbox"/> It is controlled by the municipality. <input type="checkbox"/> It originates as a result of a past transaction or event.
<u>Asset Controller</u>	A person delegated to be in charge of a division/section and to whom non-consumable items are issued. The asset controller will be held responsible for these items, until such times as they are returned to store or are disposed of. The asset controller may appoint sub asset holders.
Authority	Authority is the right or power attached to a rank or appointment permitting the holder thereof to make decisions, to take command or to demand action by others.
Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment	Means the economic empowerment of all black people including women, workers, youth people with disabilities and people living in rural areas through diverse but integrated socio-economic strategies that include, but are not limited to:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Increasing the number of black people that manage, own and control enterprises and productive assets. <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitating ownership and management of enterprises and productive assets by communities, workers, cooperatives and other collective enterprises. <input type="checkbox"/> Human resource and skills development. <input type="checkbox"/> Achieving equitable representation in all occupational categories and levels in the workforce. <input type="checkbox"/> Preferential procurement. <input type="checkbox"/> Investment in enterprises that are owned or managed by black people.
Chief Financial Officer	A Chief Financial Officer means a person designated in terms of MFMA section 80(2)(a)
Community or broad-based enterprise	Has an empowerment shareholder who represents a broad base of members such as a local community or where the benefits support a target group for example black women, people living with disabilities, the youth and workers.
Close family member	Close family member of a person means the spouse, child or parent of a person in the service of the state or who has been in the service of the state in the previous twelve months.
Combative practices	<p>Practices that include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Suggestions to fictitious lower quotations <input type="checkbox"/> Reference to non-existent competition <input type="checkbox"/> Exploiting errors in bids <input type="checkbox"/> Soliciting bids from bidders whose names appear on the list or restricted bidders/suppliers/persons.
Competitive bid	Means a bid in terms of a competitive bidding process
Competitive bidding process	Means a competitive bidding process referred to in MSCM Regulation 12(1)(d)
Construction industry	Means the broad conglomeration of industries and sectors which add value in the creation and maintenance of fixed assets within the built environment.
Construction procurement	Procurement in the construction industry including the invitation, award and management of contracts.
Construction works	Means the provision of a combination of goods and services arranged for the development, extension, installation, repair, maintenance, renewal, removal, renovation, alteration, dismantling or demolition of a fixed asset including building and engineering infrastructure.
Cooperatives	<p>A (primary) co-operative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations, through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise.</p> <p>A secondary co-operative is a co-operative formed by two or more primary co-operatives to provide services to its members. The purpose of</p>

TERM	DEFINITION
	a secondary co-operative is to help primary enterprises serve their members more effectively and comprehensively. They provide services such as auditing, training, bookkeeping and advisory support. Primary and/or secondary co-operatives may form a tertiary co-operative representing a specific sector or regional area.
Current asset (inventory-perishable goods)	An asset that would, in the normal course of operations, be consumed or converted to cash within 12 months after the last reporting date.
Days	In this policy, unless otherwise specified, days refers to “working days”
<u>Deficiency</u>	where stock is counted during a stock take of stores/asset and the total is physically less than is reflected on the relevant ledger/ tally card or asset record, and the cause of the deficiency cannot be identified at that stage. After accountability has been determined, such deficiency is to be classified as a loss.
<u>Delegating Officials</u>	A person in control of an organisational entity delegating responsibility for specific functions to lower level within the organization, the delegation thereby creating accountability.
<u>Delegation</u>	The assignment of responsibility and authority from higher to lower organizational level.
<u>Demand Management:</u>	Demand Management ensures that resources required to support the strategic objectives are delivered at the correct time, at the right price, location, quantity and quantity that will satisfy the needs.
<u>Duty</u>	Is the obligation resting on an individual to carry out a task/order that has been assigned to him.
Depreciation	Depreciation refers to the reduction in the value of assets generally from wear and tear. The consumption of capital is recognised as a cost of production and an allowance for this is made before net profit is arrived at.
Designated sector	A sector, sub-sector or industry that has been designated by the Department of trade and Industry in line with national development and industrial policies for local production, where only locally produced services, works or goods or locally manufactured goods meets the stipulated minimum threshold for local production and content.
<u>Discrepancies</u>	The difference discovered during a stores/asset stock-take where the stores/assets physically counted is more or less than the quantity reflected on the relevant ledger/tally card or asset record.
<u>Disposal Committee</u>	Committee constituted to inquire into, and make recommendations concerning the disposal of, obsolete, redundant or unserviceable stores/assets.
<u>Disposal Management</u>	Disposal Management is responsible to ensure that all unserviceable, redundant or obsolete assets are subjected to a formal process of doing away with moveable assets in a cost effective, but transparent and responsible manner. It also entails the maintenance of records and records as prescribed.

TERM	DEFINITION
Emergency procurement	An emergency procurement process will only apply in serious, unexpected and potentially dangerous circumstances which require immediate rectification: <input type="checkbox"/> In the event of a threat or interruption in CP ability to execute its mandate <input type="checkbox"/> In the event of an immediate threat to the environment or human safety
<u>Expendable Stores</u>	Relatively cheap items where the administration costs of recording after issuing are not cost effective, or where some lose their identity in the process of utilization and are approved by the Accounting Officer as Consumable Accounting
Final award	In relation to bids or quotations submitted for a contract, means a final decision accepting the bid or quotation.
<u>Financial year</u>	The period from 1 July in any year to 30 June in the ensuing year
Formal written price quotation	Means quotations referred to in MSCM Regulation 12(1)(c).
Fruitless and wasteful expenditure	Means expenditure which was made in vain and would have been avoided had reasonable care been exercised.
<u>Function</u>	A function is a number of related tasks, duties or activities, which contribute to the realisation of a specific objective (Grouping of activities of initial receipt and external issue of stores in the function of "Transit"
<u>Functionary</u>	A person handling stores at the lowest functional level of activity, and who, organizationally, resorts under a specific cost centre manager.
<u>Head of the SCM Unit</u>	It is the official delegated by the Accounting Officer to be responsible for the organizational function of Supply Chain Management at the COE. He or She is to delegate responsibilities to his/her sub-ordinate in terms of the SCM functions
Immovable assets	Immovable assets consist of: a) Tangible assets, namely land, subsoil assets, and water resources; and b) Fixed structures, namely bridges, houses, office buildings, roads, etc.
Imported content	That portion of the tender price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or its sub-contractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs, such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African port of entry.
In the service of the state	Means to be: <input type="checkbox"/> A member of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Any municipal council, ■ Any provincial legislature; or ■ The National Assembly or the National Council of Provinces. <input type="checkbox"/> A member of the board of directors of any municipal entity

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	<input type="checkbox"/> An official of any municipality or municipal entity <input type="checkbox"/> An employee of any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No 1 of 1999). <input type="checkbox"/> A member of the accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity; or <input type="checkbox"/> An employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature.
Intangible assets	Intangible assets are trademarks, licenses and/or the legally enforceable rights associated with copyright and patents.
Inventories	Including stock and stores (consumable stores, maintenance materials, spare parts, WIP, education/training course materials, client services). Properties/land held for sale. Strategic stocks (fuel supplies, precious stones and metals). Seized or forfeited property.
<u>Irrecoverable Losses</u>	This is in the case of Vis major, or where a person does not forfeit his/her cover in terms of the relevant Treasury Instruction and the loss is written off against the COE.
Irregular expenditure	<p>In relation to a municipality or municipal entity, means -</p> <p>(a) Expenditure incurred by a municipality or municipal entity in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of this Act, and which has not been condoned in terms of section 170;</p> <p>(b) Expenditure incurred by a municipality or municipal entity in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of the Municipal Systems Act, and which has not been condoned in terms of that Act;</p> <p>(c) Expenditure incurred by a municipality in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of the Public Office-Bearers Act, 1998 (Act 20 of 1998); or</p> <p>(d) Expenditure incurred by a municipality or municipal entity in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of the supply chain management policy of the municipality or entity or any of the policies of the municipality or entity or any of the municipality's by-laws giving effect to such policy, and which has not been condoned in terms of such policy or by-law,</p> <p>But excludes expenditure by a municipality which falls within the definition of "unauthorised expenditure".</p>
<u>Issue</u>	The physical act of handing over stores, on submission of a requisition (demand) that has been signed by an authorized person.
<u>Issue Voucher</u>	An approved voucher for recording all issue
Lifecycle costing	Lifecycle costing is a technique developed to identify and quantify all costs, initial and on-going, associated with a project, asset or installation

TERM	DEFINITION
	over a given period. Thus, it is a tool that forecasts the total cost of a purchase throughout its predetermined lifecycle.
Limited bidding	Where the competition is limited in one way or another. Limited bidding is reserved for a specific group or category of possible providers.
List of accredited prospective providers	Means the list of accredited prospective providers which a municipality shall keep in terms of MSCM regulation 14
Local content	That portion of the tender price which is not included in the imported content, provided that local manufacture does take place
Long term contract	Means a contract with a duration period exceeding one year
<u>Manager</u>	A person in control of an organisational entity, consisting of a number of functionaries
Movable assets	Movable assets are assets that can be moved (e.g. machinery, equipment, vehicles, aircraft, engines and motors). All inventories and valuables and most non-current assets belong to this category
Net present value (NPV)	The sum that results when the discounted value of the expected costs of an investment are deducted from the discounted value of the expected returns. If the NPV is positive the project in question is potentially worth undertaking.
Obsolete	No longer produced or used, out of date, to become obsolete by replacing it with something new.
Official	Official means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> An employee of a municipality; <input type="checkbox"/> A person seconded to the municipality to work as a member of the staff; <input type="checkbox"/> A person contracted to work as a member of the staff otherwise than as an employee.
<u>Organ of State</u>	Is defined in the RSA Constitution of 1996, as follows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any department of state or administration in the national, provincial or local sphere of government; or (b) any other functionary or institution- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) exercising a power or performing a function in terms of the Constitution or a provincial constitution; or (ii) exercising a public power or performing a public function in terms of any legislation, but does not include a court or a judicial officer
Other applicable legislation	Means any other legislation applicable to municipal supply chain management, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The PPPFA of 2000 b) The B-BBEEA of 2003 c) The CIDB Act of 2000.

TERM	DEFINITION
Receipts	All stores and services received/ irrespective of the means by which they are purchased, transferred, produced, manufactured, donated or acquired.
<u>Receipt Voucher/ Goods Receipt Note</u>	An approved voucher that in complete to record receipt.
Redundant	No longer needed or useful, superfluous (unnecessary).
Repairable	Term applicable to assemblies with detail parts breakdown that are economically repairable, and in the normal course of operation are continually returned to a fully serviceable condition over a period less than the life of the end item to which they are related. These assemblies possess economic value either in a serviceable or unserviceable condition until they are declared no longer of value for operation because of obsolescence of themselves, or of the end item to which they are related, or because these assemblies are no longer repairable.
<u>Requisition</u>	An approved voucher that is completed in order to record all internal demands, or purchases.
Responsibility	The obligation imposed on an individual to properly exercise the authority vested in him/her. This involves the power to command and to demand action in the proper execution of the relevant duties (responsibility may be delegated).
Retention	Retention is an amount of money retained for a certain period to offset costs which may arise from the contractor's failure to comply fully with the contract.
Stipulated minimum threshold	That portion of local production and content as determined by the DTI
Stores/stock	All movable state property/assets that are kept in stock for issue purposes.
Total cost of ownership	The sum of direct spend, related spend, process spend and opportunity cost associated within a specific commodity and service.
Treasury guidelines	Means the guidelines on SCM issued by the Minister in terms of section 168 of the MFMA.
Unserviceable	The condition of an item that is no longer suitable for use and which cannot be economically repaired.
Written or verbal quotations	Means quotations referred to in the MSCM Regulation 12(1)(b).

SECTION 3 SCM STRATEGY, EMPOWERMENT STRATEGY AND SCM POLICY

3.1 VISION AND MISSION

3.1.1 The Vision of SCM is as follows:

3.1.1.1 “In being a professional, transformative SCM unit, we exceed our customers’ expectations and deliver a customer-centric, effective and efficient service every time”

3.1.2 The SCM Mission is:

3.1.2.1 “To develop a strategy business partner who continuously strive to ensure a modern, transparent and pro-active service through unquestionable compliance to policies, delivering value for money.”

3.2 SCM STRATEGY

3.2.1 COE shall on an annual basis develop and adopt a SCM strategy, including strategic SCM business objectives, key performance indicators, annual or multi- year targets, strategic SCM programmes which will include initiatives and targets to support the achievement of COE’s targeted procurement and core business objectives.

3.2.2 Taking into consideration the abovementioned SCM strategy, COE will simultaneously develop an implementation plan to give effect to the approved strategy. The implementation plan will form a part of the SCM strategy.

3.2.3 The annual SCM strategy shall be developed by the SCM Division in conjunction with user departments and other relevant role-players in SCM.

3.2.4 The developed strategy shall be submitted to the CM for his/her consideration and recommendation to Council for approval, prior to the commencement of each new financial year.

3.3 UNBUNDLING STRATEGY AND PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT

3.3.1 Small enterprises can participate in one of two ways in procurement, i.e. by contracting directly with a contracting authority or as sub-contractors.

3.3.2 COE may decide to apply prequalifying criteria for preferential procurement to advance as subcontractors, small enterprises controlled by designated groups. The pre-qualifying criteria will be linked to a market analysis for industry norms.

3.3.3 If COE decides to apply the pre-qualifying criteria as contemplated in paragraph 3.3.2 above, a tender shall be advertised with a specific tendering condition that only one or more of the following tenderers may respond -

3.3.3.1 a tenderer having a stipulated minimum B-BBEE status level of contributor

3.3.3.2 an EME or QSE

3.3.3.3 a tenderer subcontracting a minimum of 30% to

- 3.3.3.3.1 an EME or QSE which is at least 51% controlled by black people;
- 3.3.3.3.2 an EME or QSE which is at least controlled by black people who are youth;
- 3.3.3.3.3 an EME or QSE which is at least controlled by black people who are women;
- 3.3.3.3.4 an EME or QSE which is at least controlled by black people with disabilities;
- 3.3.3.3.5 an EME or QSE which is at least controlled by black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships;
- 3.3.3.3.6 a co-operative which is at least 51% controlled by black people
- 3.3.3.3.7 an EME or QSE which is at least controlled by black people who are military veterans.
- 3.3.4 COE shall make available the list of suppliers, which comply with the prescripts of the National Treasury to provide the required goods or services in respect of the applicable designated groups from which the tenderer must select a supplier.
- 3.3.5 A tender that fails to meet any pre-qualifying criteria stipulated in the tender documents is an unacceptable tender
- 3.3.6 For contracts above a value which CoE may in its discretion determine, CoE may decide to include in the bid documents a condition that tenderers who are prime contractors, be required to unbundle and subdivide their contracts into smaller contracts and procure the services of small enterprises controlled by any of the designated groups contemplated in paragraphs 3.3.3.2-3.3.3.8 above.
- 3.3.7 Guidelines for premiums will be contained in SCM procedures.
- 3.3.8 SCM execution shall utilise unbundling as one of the SCM (acquisition) strategies.
- 3.3.9 The Council's guidelines on premiums shall apply to main and sub-contractors.
- 3.3.10 To give effect to the Council's Economic Development Strategy, a contract may be unbundled. This shall be done to accommodate Small Enterprise Development or to diversify in avoidance of concentration risk which COE may be exposed to.
- 3.3.11 The principle of unbundling should be fair and applied with consistency. CoE has the right to award the bid to more than one bidders and where unbundling has been decided it will be stated upfront in the bid document
- 3.3.12 Where unbundling is done to give effect to Enterprise Development, the allocation of the remainder of the contract shall be based on proportional system considering price and or scale of suppliers. The methodology shall be detailed in the procedures.

3.4 SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY

- 3.4.1 In terms of section 111 of the MFMA, this City of Ekurhuleni SCM Policy shall:
 - 3.4.1.1 Give effect to Section 217 of the Constitution; and Part 1 of Chapter 11 and other applicable provisions of the MFMA.
- 3.4.2 Be fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost effective.
- 3.4.3 Comply with:
 - 3.4.3.1 The regulatory framework prescribed in Chapter 2 of the MSCM Regulations, and
 - 3.4.3.2 Any regulations or guidelines that may be prescribed in terms of section 168 of the

MFMA.

- 3.4.3.3 Be consistent with other applicable legislation.
- 3.4.3.4 Not undermine the objective for uniformity in SCM systems between organs of state in all spheres, and
- 3.4.3.5 Be consistent with national economic policy concerning the promotion of investments and doing business with the public sector.
- 3.4.4 COE shall not act otherwise than in accordance with this SCM policy when:
 - 3.4.4.1 Procuring goods or services.
 - 3.4.4.2 Disposing of goods no longer needed.
 - 3.4.4.3 Selecting contractors to provide assistance in the provision of municipal services other than in circumstances where Chapter 8 of the Municipal Systems Act applies.
 - 3.4.4.4 The SCM policy shall also include relevant transformational priorities and programmes followed by the National Government and Gauteng Provincial Government (GPG).

3.5	CITY OF EKURHULENI STRATEGY	ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT
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- 3.5.1 COE commits to the social and economic transformation of South Africa by supporting objectives and initiatives captured in strategic national programmes such as B-BEEE and Preferential Procurement as well as in the Gauteng Provincial Government's (GPG) transformation programmes, such as:
 - 3.5.1.1 Employment Growth and Development Strategy
 - 3.5.1.2 B-BBEE Strategy
 - 3.5.1.3 Co-operative Strategic Framework.
- 3.5.2 Other GPG programmes shall also be considered to guide and align the SCM outputs of COE. Such programmes may include at least:
 - 3.5.2.1 LED Framework
 - 3.5.2.2 Industrial Policy Framework
 - 3.5.2.3 In support of the above national and provincial programmes, COE adopts the following transformational priorities:
 - 3.5.2.4 Preferential procurement with or without Pre-qualifying criteria.
 - 3.5.2.5 Local economic development
 - 3.5.2.6 Commodities designated and treatments recommended by GPG from time to time
 - 3.5.2.7 Promotion of SMME's and cooperatives
 - 3.5.2.8 Supplier development.
- 3.5.3 The SCM Division, supported by all COE departments, shall pursue the above priorities, including related targets set annually by Council through the approval of SCM strategy, in their implementation of an COE Targeted Procurement Strategy.
- 3.5.4 Annual targets shall be set for COE and each Department, for at least the following groups:
 - 3.5.4.1 B-BBEE enterprises with equitable gender participation
 - 3.5.4.2 Small B-BBEE enterprises with equitable gender participation
 - 3.5.4.3 Micro enterprises with equitable gender participation
 - 3.5.4.4 Black women owned enterprises

- 3.5.4.5 Locally manufactured products
- 3.5.4.6 Enterprises based within the COE geographical area
- 3.5.4.7 Products manufactured within the COE geographical area
- 3.5.4.8 Products manufactured in South Africa
- 3.5.4.9 Youth empowerment
- 3.5.4.10 People with disabilities (PwD).

- 3.5.5 COE's SCM division in conjunction with the Economic Development Department and supported by all COE departments shall proactively ensure that such targets are achieved and accurately reported upon, as and when required by COE.
- 3.5.6 Once the list of prospective providers has been compiled per commodity, price quotations should be invited from the list.

- 3.5.7 The invitation of price quotations from the list per commodity should be done on a rotational basis in such a manner that ongoing competition amongst providers is promoted."

- 3.5.8 In order to facilitate targeted procurement in respect of bids in excess of R200 000 (VAT included), the following principles shall apply:
 - 3.5.8.1 Tenders may be advertised with a specific tendering condition that only one or more of the following tenderers may respond –
 - 3.5.8.1.1 a tenderer having a stipulated minimum B-BBBEE status level of contributor
 - 3.5.8.1.2 an EME or QSE

SECTION 4 PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT AND LOCAL PRODUCTION AND CONTENT

4.1 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM

- 4.1.1 The application of preferential procurement and broad based black economic empowerment shall be consistent with:
- 4.1.1.1 The RSA Constitution
 - 4.1.1.2 The Municipal Finance Management Act and its Regulations.
 - 4.1.1.3 The Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act and its Regulations.
 - 4.1.1.4 The Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment Act, its Strategy and Codes of Good Practice.
- 4.1.2 COE shall stipulate the preference point system to be applied to each bid process in each bid document provided to bidders.
- 4.1.3 Bids shall include criteria for the evaluation of quotations/bids to identify the quotation/bid that represents the best value for money, taking also into account the total cost of ownership principle.
- 4.1.4 The PPPFA points system does not have to be applied in respect of acquisitions with a Rand value less than R30 000 per case (all applicable taxes included).
- 4.1.5 The relevant preference point formula as per the PPPFA shall be used to calculate the points for price in respect of acquisitions with a Rand value equal to, or above R30 000 and up to R50 million.
- 4.1.6 The maximum price score shall be allocated to the lowest priced acceptable bid/quote. Any other acceptable quotations/bids, which are higher in price, shall score fewer points on a pro rata basis, calculated on their prices in relation to the lowest acceptable quotation/bid in accordance with the prescribed formula.
- 4.1.6.1 The 80/20 preference points formula shall be used to calculate the points for price in respect of acquisitions with a Rand value equal to, or above R30 000, and up to a Rand value of R50 million with a maximum number points for price of 80.
 - 4.1.6.2 The 90/10 preference points formula shall be used to calculate the points for price in respect of acquisitions with a Rand value above R50 million in terms of legislation with a maximum number points for price of 90.
- 4.1.7 A maximum of 20 or 10 points shall be allocated for B-BBEE.
- 4.1.8 Any other acceptable quotations/bids, which are higher in price shall score fewer points on a pro rata basis, calculated on their prices in relation to the lowest acceptable quotation/bid in accordance with the prescribed formula.

4.2 APPLICATION OF THE PREFERENCES

- 4.2.1 Preference points calculations and decisions, made during evaluations, shall be clear and documented.
- 4.2.2 The preference point system shall be applied as follows:

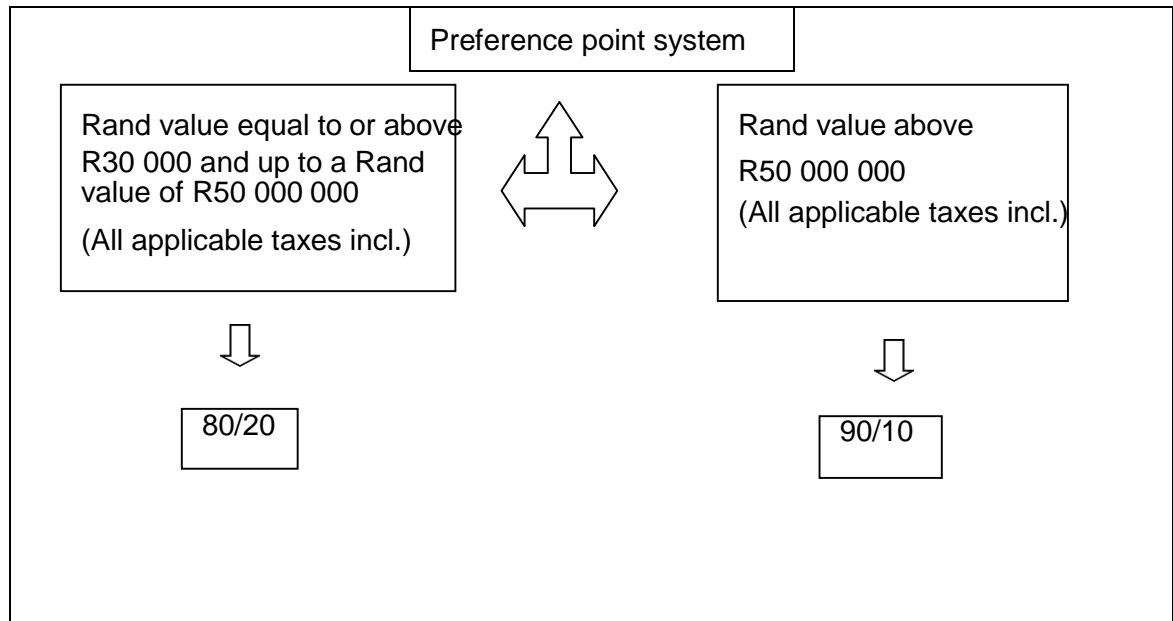


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- 4.2.3 If all bids received exceed the estimated Rand value linked to the specified preference point system, the bid invitation shall be cancelled and re-invited, stating the correct preference points system to be applied.

4.3 LOCAL PRODUCTION AND CONTENT

- 4.3.1 In the case of sectors designated by the Minister of Trade and Industry, COE shall advertise such tenders with a specific tendering condition that only locally produced goods, services or works or locally manufactured goods, with a stipulated minimum threshold for local production and content will be considered.
- 4.3.2 (a) if there is no designated sector, CoE may include, as a specific condition of the tender, that only locally produced services or goods or locally manufactured goods with a stipulated minimum threshold for local production and content, will be considered.
- (b) The threshold referred to in paragraph (a) must be in accordance with the standard determined by the Department of Trade and industry in consultation with the National Treasury.
- 4.3.3 A tender that fails to meet the minimum stipulated threshold for local production and content is an unacceptable tender.

- 4.3.4 The designated sectors may be updated by the DTI over time and COE shall therefore continually confirm the latest list of sectors designated so that such designations are complied with via the procurement process.
- 4.3.5 The designated sectors may be accessed at http://www.dti.gov.za/industrial_development/ip.jsp.
- 4.3.6 The standard bidding documents (MBD 6.2) must be completed in line with the requirements of the SABS approved technical specification number SATS 1286:2011 and the Guidance Document for the Calculation of Local Content together with the Local Content Declaration Templates (Annex C: Local Content Declaration - Summary Schedule, Annex D: Imported Content Declaration - Supporting Schedule to Annex C and Annex E: Local Content Declaration - Supporting Schedule to Annex C). All these documents are important for the calculation, measurement and verification of local content.
- 4.3.7 COE shall also, as and when deemed appropriate, include as a specific tendering condition, that only locally produced services, works or goods or locally manufactured goods with a stipulated minimum threshold for local production and content, shall be considered. However, such prescripts and thresholds shall always be in line with the specific directives issued by the National Treasury in consultation with the DTI.
- 4.3.8 Where necessary, for tenders referred to in 3.1 and 3.5 above, a two stage tendering process shall be followed, where the first stage involves functionality and minimum threshold for local production and content and the second stage for price and B-BBEE with the possibility of price negotiations only with short listed bidders.
- 4.3.9 Every tender issued in terms of PPPFA Regulation 8 shall be measurable and audited.

4.4 CO-OPERATIVES

- 4.1.1 COE is committed to enhancing the co-operative sector, with due observance of the universally accepted definitions, principles and values central to co-operatives. To this end, it shall support established agencies, such as Gauteng Enterprise Propeller and similar enterprises (to be detailed in the guidelines), whose aim is promoting small businesses and co-operative enterprises.
- 4.1.2 The Co-operatives Act of 2005 and the Co-operative Banks Act of 2007 provide the legislative framework for promoting and regulating co-operatives.
- 4.1.3 A (primary) co-operative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations, through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise.
- 4.1.4 A secondary co-operative is a co-operative formed by two or more primary co-operatives to provide services to its members. The purpose of a secondary co-operative is to help primary enterprises serve their members more effectively and comprehensively. They provide services such as auditing, training, bookkeeping and advisory support.
- 4.1.5 Primary and/or secondary co-operatives may form a tertiary co-operative representing a specific sector or regional area.

- 4.1.6 Without limiting the number and variety of different kinds of co-operatives, other kinds and types of co-operatives include:
 - 4.1.6.1 Housing co-operative
 - 4.1.6.2 Workers' co-operative
 - 4.1.6.3 Non-profit social co-operative
 - 4.1.6.4 Agricultural co-operative
 - 4.1.6.5 Financial services co-operative
 - 4.1.6.6 Consumer co-operative
 - 4.1.6.7 Marketing and supply co-operative
 - 4.1.6.8 Transport co-operatives
 - 4.1.6.9 Two **characteristics** distinguish co-operatives from other enterprises:
 - 4.1.6.9.1 They are associations of people which agree to be the owners, the makers of democratic decisions and the users of their joint enterprise.
 - 4.1.6.9.2 Their main purpose, as an economic unit, is to promote their members by rendering services, rather than maximising profits.
- 4.1.7 COE shall support co-operatives by encouraging co-operatives to access COE contracts via procurement processes. This is in support of Government's drive for co-operative enterprises that enable local people

SECTION 5 ETHICS

5.1 ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

5.1.1 COE shall adhere to the procurement principles as noted hereunder.

Transparency	The procurement process shall be open and predictable and shall afford each prospective bidder timely access to the same and accurate information
Equal treatment	All bidders and providers shall be treated equally throughout the whole procurement process and shall be given access to the same information.
Effectiveness	COE shall strive for SCM system effectiveness and shall carry out its procurement processes as cost-effectively as possible while meeting the commercial, regulatory and socio-economic goals of government in a balanced manner appropriate to the procurement requirement.
Efficiency	COE shall strive to standardise and simplify procedures where appropriate to enhance SCM system effectiveness and shall carry out its SCM processes as cost-effectively and efficiently as possible. COE shall strive to build relationships with providers, shall ensure good working practices and shall encourage innovative solutions for providers.
Competitiveness	COE shall satisfy its requirements through competition unless there are justifiable reasons to the contrary.
Fairness	All bidders and contractors shall be dealt with fairly and without unfair discrimination. Unnecessary constraints shall not be imposed on bidders/contractors and commercial confidentiality shall be protected.
Ethics	All providers shall be treated equally whilst promoting certain empowerment objectives, all stakeholders shall conduct business and themselves professionally, fairly, reasonably and with integrity, all interests shall be disclosed and all breach shall be reported. Potential service providers will be subjected to COE vetting procedures.
Proportionality	The product/service requirements stipulated in the specification/terms of reference and the qualification requirements attached thereto shall be appropriate, necessary and in reasonable proportion to the product/service being procured.

Uniform application	COE shall ensure the application of a SCM policy and a streamlined SCM process and documentation that is uniformly applied by COE, all things being equal. The procurement process shall be simple and adaptable to advances in modern technology to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.
Accountability	Each practitioner shall be accountable for their decisions and actions relative to their SCM responsibilities, the SCM process as well as in the implementation of concluded contracts. COE shall have a system, when warranted by circumstances, to investigate and hold liable both employees and relevant private parties dealing with COE, for their decisions and actions relative to their procurement responsibilities, the procurement process as well as in the implementation of concluded contracts.
Openness	COE shall ensure a procurement process and a subsequent contract award and implementation according to the predetermined specification in line with the best practice procurement principles.
Value for money	<p>COE shall achieve value for money through the optimum combination of whole life cost and quality (or fitness for purpose) to meet the customer's requirements while maximising efficiency, effectiveness and flexibility.</p> <p>COE shall apply the following TCO philosophy to the procurement of goods and services in achieving value for money.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> $TCO = Price + Administration \text{ (maintenance and process)} + Quality/Usage + Supplier \text{ Value-add.}$</p>
Commitment to safety, health and the environment	<p>COE is committed to the health and safety of its personnel and its providers in the application of its SCM process.</p> <p>COE is committed to the preservation of the environment, minimising pollution and the improved use of natural resources in the application of its SCM processes and more specifically in the design of the specifications/terms of reference for each requirement.</p> <p>COE shall apply preventative measures in situations of scientific uncertainty where a course of action could harm the environment.</p>

5.2 ETHICAL DIRECTION

- 5.2.1 COE commits itself to a policy of fair dealing and integrity in the conducting of its SCM activities.
- 5.2.2 All SCM officials and role players in the SCM system are required to promote:
 - 5.2.3 Mutual trust and respect.
 - 5.2.4 An environment where business can be conducted in a fair and reasonable manner and with integrity.
 - 5.2.5 All SCM officials should ensure that they perform their duties efficiently, and effectively, in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations.
 - 5.2.6 COE will abide by the COE Code of Ethical Standards and the Code of Conduct for SCM practitioners and other role players as issued by National Treasury for municipalities and shall direct all SCM practitioners and role players in their conduct within and with COE. Non-compliance with the Code by any SCM practitioner or role player may result in them being subjected to appropriate disciplinary action.
 - 5.2.7 A breach of the Code of Conduct of Conduct of the COE shall be dealt with in terms of schedule 2 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32/2000.
 - 5.2.8 All bidders and contractors shall be made aware of the ethical standards of the COE, its expectations of them and the consequences of breach or non- compliance. The application of these Standards by bidders the COE does business with must be promoted and bidders will be subjected to ongoing vetting procedures to ensure compliance.

5.3 THE HIGHEST ETHICAL STANDARDS

- 5.3.1 All SCM practitioners and officials in the SCM system shall observe the highest ethical standards in regard to the performance of their duties. Ethics in this context refers to the concepts of honesty, integrity, probity, diligence, fairness, trust, respect and consistency.
- 5.3.2 An SCM Official must:
 - 5.3.2.1 Comply with the highest ethical standards
 - 5.3.2.2 Preserve the highest standard of honesty, impartially and objectivity.
- 5.3.3 An official of the SCM directorate, who becomes aware of a breach of or failure to comply with any aspect of the SCM system, shall immediately report the breach or failure to the CM in writing.
- 5.3.4 The CM shall take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the SCM system.
- 5.3.5 All allegations against a practitioner or any other role player, of corruption, improper conduct or compliance failure with the SCM system shall be investigated by the CM or the delegate who will, when justified take steps against such official or other role player.
- 5.3.6 The CM shall report any conduct that may constitute a criminal offence to the SAPS.

5.4 COMBATING OF ABUSE OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

5.4.1 MSCM Regulation 38 provides that:

- (1) A supply chain management policy must provide measures for the combating of abuse of the supply chain management system, and must enable the accounting officer -
 - (a) to take all reasonable steps to prevent such abuse;
 - (b) to investigate any allegations against an official or other role player of fraud, corruption, favouritism, unfair or irregular practices or failure to comply with the supply chain management policy, and when justified
 - i. take appropriate steps against such official or other role player; or
 - ii. report any alleged criminal conduct to the South African Police Service;
 - (c) to check the National Treasury's database prior to awarding any contract to ensure that no recommended bidder, or any of its directors, is listed as a person prohibited from doing business with the public sector;
 - (d) to reject any bid from a bidder-
 - i. if any municipal rates and taxes or municipal service charges owed by that bidder or any of its directors to the municipality or municipal entity, or to any other municipality or municipal entity, are in arrears for more than three months; or
 - ii. who during the last five years has failed to perform satisfactorily on a previous contract with the municipality or municipal entity or any other organ of state after written notice was given to that bidder that performance was unsatisfactory;
 - (e) to reject a recommendation for the award of a contract if the recommended bidder, or any of its directors, has committed a corrupt or fraudulent act in competing for the particular contract;
 - (f) to cancel a contract awarded to a person if -
 - i. the person committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract; or
 - ii. an official or other role player committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract that benefited that person; and
 - (g) to reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors
 - i. has abused the supply chain management system of the municipality or municipal entity or has committed any improper conduct in relation to such system;
 - ii. has been convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years;
 - iii. has wilfully neglected, reneged on or failed to comply with any government, municipal or other public sector contract during the past five years; or
 - iv. has been listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters In terms section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004).
- (2) The accounting officer must inform the National Treasury and relevant provincial treasury in writing of any actions taken in terms of sub-regulation (1)(b)(ii), (e) or (f).

5.5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 5.5.1 A SCM practitioner or other role player, or close family member, partner or associate of such practitioner or other role player involved in the implementation of the SCM policy, shall declare to the CM details of any private or business interest which that person or any close family member, partner or associate may have in any proposed procurement or disposal process of, or in any award of a contract by COE.
- 5.5.2 In addition the party shall immediately withdraw from participating in any manner whatsoever in the process relating to the contract.
- 5.5.3 A SCM official shall recognise and disclose any conflict of interest that may arise.
- 5.5.4 SCM officials or other role players shall not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to individuals or organizations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties.
- 5.5.5 All declarations must be recorded in a register which the Accounting Officer must keep for this purpose.

5.6 DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SCM PRACTICES

- 5.6.1 The CM is required to take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the SCM system in terms of the MSCM Regulations. Therefore a bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder or any of its directors have:
 - 5.6.1.1 Abused the institution's supply chain management system;
 - 5.6.1.2 Committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
 - 5.6.1.3 Failed to perform satisfactorily on any previous contract; or
 - 5.6.1.4 Been listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004).
- 5.6.2 The CM is required to inform the National Treasury and the relevant Provincial Treasury of any steps taken against a bidder in terms of the MSCM Regulations.

5.7 COLLUSIVE PRACTICES (BID RIGGING)

- 5.7.1 Section 4(1)(b)(iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits any agreement between, or concerted practice by firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding/ tendering (or bid rigging).
- 5.7.2 In order to deter any form of collusive bidding (bid rigging), bidders shall confirm that they have not entered into any such practices by completing a certificate to that effect.
- 5.7.3 The standard document pertaining to the certification of the independent bid determination shall accompany all price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.
- 5.7.4 COE is required to utilise the information contained in the Certificate of Independent Bid Determination to ensure that when bids are considered all reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid rigging.

5.8 EQUAL TREATMENT

- 5.8.1 All SCM practitioners and other role players shall treat all suppliers and potential suppliers equitably.
- 5.8.2 All SCM officials and role-players, particularly those dealing directly with service providers/suppliers or potential service providers/suppliers, are required to be fair, efficient, firm and courteous and elimination of fraud and corruption

5.9 ACCOUNTABILITY

- 5.9.1 A SCM practitioner and other role players shall be scrupulous in their use of public/organisational property and funds.
- 5.9.2 All SCM officials and other role players shall be accountable for their decisions and actions to the public as well as to COE.
- 5.9.3 The CM or the delegate is fully responsible and will be held accountable for any expenditures relating to SCM within its area of responsibility.
- 5.9.4 Officials should not make any false or misleading entries into the Accounting systems for any reason whatsoever.

5.10 OPENNESS

- 5.10.1 All supply chain officials shall provide relevant information readily and in a manner that is accessible to relevant parties subject to the Promotion of Access to Information Act No 2 of 2000 and the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act No. 3 of 2000. This shall include giving reasons for the decisions made or actions taken in appropriate cases.

5.11 CONFIDENTIALITY

- 5.11.1 All information that is the property of COE or its suppliers/service providers shall be protected at all times.
- 5.11.2 Matters of a confidential nature in the possession of supply chain management or other COE official/s shall be kept confidential unless legislation or the just performance of duty dictates otherwise. Such restrictions should also apply after separation from service.
- 5.11.3 Additional policy provisions regarding the protection of information are contained at section 20 below.

5.12 INDEPENDENCE

- 5.12.1 All SCM practitioners and role players may not use their position for private gain or to improperly benefit another person.
- 5.12.2 If a SCM official or other role player's family member, partner or associate of such official or role player, has any private or business interest in any bid to be submitted or to be adjudicated, such interest shall be disclosed and recorded and the party with the interest shall withdraw from participating in the evaluation process relating to the bid if there is a conflict of interest.

5.13 GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

- 5.13.1 No person who is a provider of goods or services or prospective provider of goods or services to COE, or a recipient or prospective recipient of goods disposed, or to be disposed of, by COE, may either directly or through a representative or intermediary promise, offer or grant any reward, gift, favour or hospitality to any official of COE, where such receipt is in excess of the prescribed regulatory amounts.
- 5.13.2 All SCM practitioners and role players shall ensure that officials do not compromise the credibility or integrity of the SCM system through the acceptance of gifts or hospitality or any other act.
- 5.13.3 In the event that any reward, gift, favour or hospitality is in fact provided to any official of COE, such receipt shall be declared in full to the HOD of the respective Department or the CM, as appropriate.
- 5.13.4 In accordance with COE's Code of Conduct, the SCM division shall maintain a gift and hospitality register in which all such gifts, etc. shall be recorded.

5.14 FRAUD AND CORRUPTION

- 5.14.1 The Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, Act No 12 of 2004 shall be adhered to.
- 5.14.2 COE is to ensure that all officials, clients and other stakeholders (including providers) are made aware of the implications of The Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act by way of its bidding processes.
- 5.14.3 Fraud prevention plans shall be instituted.
- 5.14.4 A SCM practitioner or other role player shall assist the CM in combating corruption and fraud in the SCM system.
- 5.14.5 The CM or the delegate shall reject a proposal for adjudication if he/she determines that the provider recommended for adjudication, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent activities in competing for the contract in question.
- 5.14.6 Contractors shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the selection process and execution of the contract. In terms of these provisions corrupt and fraudulent practices can be defined as follows:
 - 5.14.6.1 Corrupt practice means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of public official in the selection process or in contract execution.
 - 5.14.6.2 Fraudulent practice means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a selection process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the COE and under collusive practice designed to establish prices at artificial, non-compliance levels and to deprive the COE of benefits of competition.
 - 5.14.6.3 Contractors must assist in combating corruption in SCM in line with the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, by not giving, receiving or soliciting any item of value to influence the action of an official dealing with Supply Chain Management.

- 5.14.7 Contractors and COE Official must assist in combating procurement fraud through awareness, vigilance and consistent assessment in line with the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act by not misrepresenting facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of the COE, including collusive practice.
- 5.14.7.1 All SCM practitioners shall assist the Accounting Officer in combating corruption and fraud.
- 5.14.7.2 The CM must insist that a provision be included in the contract agreement, requiring contractors to permit the CM to inspect their accounts and records relating to the performance of the contract and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the CM.

5.15 COMBATIVE PRACTICES

- 5.15.1 The use of combative practices shall not be allowed. Combative practices include, but are not limited to:
- 5.15.1.1 Suggestions of fictitious lower quotations.
- 5.15.1.2 Reference to non-existent competition.
- 5.15.1.3 Exploiting errors in bids.
- 5.15.1.4 Soliciting bids from bidders whose names appear on the list of restricted bidders/suppliers/persons.
- 5.15.2 The use of combative practices is unethical and illegal and should be avoided at all costs.

5.16 INTERNAL ABUSE OF PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

- 5.16.1 The CM shall ensure that the preferential procurement system is not abused for any purpose, neither for the benefit of COE nor for the benefit of any potential provider/contractor or individual.
- 5.16.2 All conduct, dealings and actions are to be bona fide.
- 5.16.3 Any employee suspected of acting contrary to this policy, will be dealt with in terms of the disciplinary code of COE.
- 5.16.4 The Accounting Officer shall:-
- 5.16.4.1 Take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse, corruption and collusion through at least regular internal audit reviews and external audit as well as risk assessments in the SCM environment.
- 5.16.4.2 Investigate any allegations against an official or other role-player of fraud, corruption, favouritism, unfair or irregular practices or failure to comply with the SCM Policy
- 5.16.4.3 Take steps against such official or other role-player and inform Council and National Treasury of such steps in terms of section 32 of the MFMA.
- 5.16.4.4 Report any conduct that may constitute criminal offence to the SAPS (South African Police Services)
- 5.16.4.5 Ensure that the COE considers all complaints received and shall respond thereto in a timely manner.

5.17 EXTERNAL ABUSE OF PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT SYSTEM, INCLUSIVE OF FRONTING

- 5.17.1 COE shall vigorously pursue all legal remedies (Regulations 13 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2011) available in the event that the preferential procurement points system is abused, particularly through, for example, but not limited to the following ways:
- 5.17.2 That a service provider or contractor:
 - 5.17.3 Has promised, offered or given a bribe during the bidding process and/or after conclusion of the contract.
 - 5.17.4 Has acted in a fraudulent manner or in bad faith or in any other improper manner during the bidding process or after conclusion of the contract.
 - 5.17.5 With whom an agreement was entered into on the strength of information furnished by him/her, and it became apparent after conclusion of such agreement that the information provided was incorrect.
- 5.17.6 To protect parties to an agreement, potential providers, contractors and COE officials shall be made aware of the implications of any contraventions.
- 5.17.7 Potential providers shall be informed via the conditions of contract of implications of contraventions.
- 5.17.8 COE will endeavour, where possible, to identify fronting before a contract is awarded.
- 5.17.9 Where COE becomes aware of a possible fronting case, the process in accordance with the Constitution, the rules of Administrative Law and the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, shall be followed as a starting point.

5.18 SPONSORSHIPS

- 5.18.1 The CM shall promptly disclose to Council, the National Treasury and the Gauteng Provincial Treasury any sponsorship promised, offered or granted to COE, whether directly or through a representative or intermediary, by any person who is:
- 5.18.2 A provider of goods or services or prospective provider of goods or services to COE.
- 5.18.3 A recipient or prospective recipient of goods disposed, or to be disposed of, by COE.

5.19 OFFENCES AND LIABILITY

5.19.1 The CM is guilty of an offence if he/she:

5.19.1.1 Deliberately or in a grossly negligent way:

5.19.1.1.1 Contravenes or fails to comply with a provision, but not limited to, sections 60(a) & (b); 61(1) & (2), 62(1) & (2), 63(1) & (2), 64(1) to (4); or 65(1) & (2) of the MFMA.

5.19.1.1.2 Fails to take all reasonable steps to prevent irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

5.19.1.1.3 Fails to take all reasonable steps to prevent corruptive practices in:

5.19.1.1.4 The management of COE's assets.

5.19.1.1.5 Receipt of money.

5.19.1.1.6 SCM system.

5.19.1.1.7 Deliberately provides false or misleading information in any document which in terms of a requirement of the MFMA shall be:

5.19.1.1.8 Submitted to the Auditor-General, the National Treasury or any other organ of state.

5.19.1.1.9 Made public.

5.19.2 A senior official or other official of COE exercising financial management responsibilities and to whom a power or duty was delegated in terms of Section 78 of the MFMA, is guilty of an offence if that senior official or official deliberately or in a grossly negligent way contravenes or fails to comply with a condition of a delegation.

5.19.3 An official of COE, a member of the Council of COE or any other person is guilty of an offence if that person deliberately or in a grossly negligent way:

5.19.3.1 Impedes a CM from complying with a provision of the MFMA.

5.19.3.2 Contravenes a provision of section 115(2), 118 or 126(5) of the MFMA or

5.19.3.3 Provides false or misleading information for the purposes of any document which shall in terms of a requirement of the MFMA be:

5.19.3.3.1 Submitted to the Council or CM or to the Auditor-General or the National Treasury or

5.19.3.3.2 Made public

5.19.4 No person may amend or tamper with any bids, quotations, and contracts after their submission.

5.19.5 A person is liable on conviction of an offence in terms of section 174 of the MFMA to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five (5) years or to an appropriate fine determined in terms of legislation.

5.19.6 In terms of section 167(2) of the MFMA, COE may recover from a political office bearer or official, any loss or damage suffered by it because of the deliberate or negligent unlawful actions of that person when performing such a function of office.

5.20 CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF BID COMMITTEES

- 5.20.1 Conduct of all members and invitees shall be in accordance with the relevant legislative environment, the National Treasury's Code of Conduct for SCM practitioners and instructions issued from time to time by National Treasury in this regard.
- 5.20.2 A member of any Bid Committee, technical advisor or user representative who contravenes or fails to comply with the afore-mentioned, shall summarily be dismissed from its role and appropriate steps taken against the person.

5.21 CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS

- 5.21.1 No Council members or officials exercising a power or performing a function in terms of the MFMA, is liable in respect of any loss or damage resulting from the exercise of that power or the performance of that function in good faith.

SECTION 6 LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT

6.1 COE commits to applying the prescribed legislative framework as it pertains to SCM.

6.1.1 THE CONSTITUTION

SCM policy must comply with section 217 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act No 108 of 1996, as amended. The section provides that:

- “(1) when an organ of state in the national, provincial or local sphere of Government, or any other institution identified in national legislation, contracts for goods and services, it must do so in accordance with a system which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective.
- (2) subsection (1) does not prevent the organs of state or institutions referred to in the subsection from implementing a procurement policy providing for:
 - categories of preference in the allocation of contracts; and the protection or advancement of persons, or categories of persons, disadvantaged by unfair discrimination.
- (3) national legislation must prescribe a framework within which the policy referred to in subsection (2) must be implemented.”

6.1.2 THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT

- 6.1.2.1 According to section 2 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), Act No 56 of 2003, the object of the Act is to secure sound and sustainable management of the fiscal and financial affairs of municipalities and municipal entities by establishing norms and standards for, inter alia, supply chain management.
- 6.1.2.2 The MFMA sets out the roles and responsibilities of the Council, the CM, CFO, senior managers and other officials and prescribes numerous requirements pertaining to municipal SCM.
- 6.1.2.3 The MFMA shall be fully adhered to in the execution of all SCM activities.

6.1.3 MUNICIPAL SCM REGULATIONS OF 2005

- 6.1.3.1 The MSCM regulations prescribe a comprehensive system of SCM that must be adopted and implemented by municipalities. The foundational provisions are:

- 6.1.3.2 Each municipal entity must have and implement a SCM policy.
- 6.1.3.3 Council must delegate such SCM powers and duties to the CM for the CM to execute the SCM function appropriately.
- 6.1.3.4 Each municipality must establish its own SCM Unit to implement its SCM policy. The Unit must, where possible, operate under the direct supervision of the CFO.
- 6.1.3.5 The training of officials involved in implementing a SCM policy should be in accordance with any Treasury guidelines on SCM training.
- 6.1.3.6 The SCM system must provide effective systems for the following:
 - 6.1.3.6.1 Demand management.
 - 6.1.3.6.2 Acquisition management.
 - 6.1.3.6.3 Logistics management.
 - 6.1.3.6.4 Disposal management.
 - 6.1.3.6.5 Risk management
 - 6.1.3.6.6 Performance management.
- 6.1.4 The bid documentation must take into account the requirements of the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), in the case of a bid relating to construction, upgrading or refurbishment of buildings or infrastructure.
- 6.1.5 All other regulations issued under the MFMA should be taken into account in so far as they impact on SCM. Applicable regulations are available on the National Treasury's website under the MFMA tab (www.treasury.gov.za).

6.2 MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS ACT

- 6.2.1 The purpose of the Municipal Systems Act, Act No 32 of 2000 as amended by section 35 of Act No 51 of 2002, is as follows:
- 6.2.2 To provide for the core principles, mechanisms and processes that is necessary to enable municipalities to move progressively towards the social and economic upliftment of local communities, and ensure universal access to essential services that are affordable to all.
- 6.2.3 To provide for governance of municipal entities and general issues like code of conduct for directors and members of staff of a municipality.

6.3 MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS AMENDMENT ACT NO. 44 OF 2003

The Act establishes Integrated Development Plans (IDP) as the principle strategic planning instrument that guides and informs all planning and development and decisions of a municipality.

6.4 THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT (PPPFA) AND REGULATIONS

- 6.4.1 The Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), Act No 5 of 2000 and its regulations issued in January 2017, gives effect to Section 217(3) of the Constitution by providing a framework for the implementation of the procurement policy contemplated in Section 217(2) of the Constitution.
- 6.4.2 COE will apply the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, (Act No 5 of 2000) and its regulations.
- 6.4.3 The Act provides for the implementation of a preference system in the allocation of contracts for categories of service providers and the promotion of goals to advance the interest of persons disadvantaged by unfair discrimination.
- 6.4.4 The Act regulates bid processes.

6.5 THE BROAD-BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT ACT (B-BBEE ACT)

- 6.5.1 The Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act (B-BBEE Act), Act No. 53 of 2003, provides a framework for the promotion of black economic empowerment, the establishment of a balanced scorecard and the publication of industry transformation charters. A supporting strategy has also been published. The codes of good practice were promulgated in 2007 and consist of a balanced scorecard measuring the BEE status of companies on an annual basis.
- 6.5.2 COE will adhere to the directives contained in the B-BBEE Act as it affects the procurement process.

6.6 THE PREVENTION AND COMBATING OF CORRUPT ACTIVITIES ACT

- 6.6.1 COE will adhere to the directives contained in the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, Act 12 of 2004 as it affects the supply chain process.
- 6.6.2 The Act regulates offences in respect of corrupt activities relating to contracts, activities pertaining to acceptance or offering of any gratification and the improper influence of another person as well as offences in respect of corrupt activities relating to procurement.
- 6.6.3 The Act provides for miscellaneous offences relating to possible conflict of interests and other unacceptable conduct.
- 6.6.4 The Act also provides that the National Treasury must establish a register for bid defaulters.

6.7 THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD (CIDB) ACT, REGULATION AND GUIDELINES

- 6.7.1 Section 16(3) states that the Minister of Public Works must prescribe the manner in which public sector construction contracts may be invited, awarded and managed within the framework of the register and the policy on procurement.
- 6.7.2 Section 16(4) of the CIDB Act states that from a date determined by the Minister, organs of state must apply the register of contractors to its procurement process.
- 6.7.3 Section 18(1) of the CIDB Act states that a contractor may not undertake, carry out or complete any construction works or portion thereof for public sector contracts, awarded in terms of competitive bids or quotations, unless he or she is registered with the Board and holds a valid registration certificate issued by the Board.
- 6.7.4 Section 22(1) states *inter alia* that the CIDB must establish a register of projects. Sub-section (2) states *inter alia* that the Minister must prescribe the requirements for registration of projects, and (3) states that all construction contracts above the prescribed tender value must be recorded in the register. (CIDB Regulation 18(1)(a) specifies the public sector value as exceeding R 200 000, incl. VAT.)
- 6.7.5 Part IV of the CIDB regulations prescribe the requirements referred to in section 16 and Part III prescribes the requirements listed in section 22 of the Act.
- 6.7.6 Section 24(b) of the CIDB Regulations states that every client or employer who is soliciting competitive bids in the construction industry must publish that invitation to bid on the official CIDB website and that solicitation must be in accordance with:
- 6.7.7 The Municipal SCM Regulations of 2005; and the latest approved CIDB Standard for Uniformity in Construction Procurement.
- 6.7.8 The CIDB Best Practice guidelines are recognized by the Board as being Construction Procurement Best Practices and provide comprehensive guidance on implementing the requirements of this standard.
- 6.7.9 MSCM Regulation 21(a)(iii) prescribes that COE must take into account the requirements of the CIDB in the case of bid documentation relating to construction, upgrading or refurbishment of buildings or infrastructure.

6.8 STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (SITA) ACT

- 6.8.1 The State Information Technology Agency (SITA) Act, Act No 88 of 1998, as amended by Act 38 of 2002, requires that SITA may act as the procurement agency for a municipality's information technology requirements should the municipality so deem necessary.
- 6.8.2 COE may utilise SITA as an IT procurement agency on an as and when required basis.
- 6.8.3 However, all IT tenders above R 10 million (all applicable taxes included) may be reviewed by SITA at the discretion of the CM.

6.9	OTHER APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BY-LAWS OR ORDINANCES
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- 6.9.1 Cognisance must be taken of the following pieces of legislation that may have an impact on the supply chain environment:
- 6.9.1.1 Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, Act No 3 of 2000.
 - 6.9.1.2 Promotion of Access to Information Act, Act No 2 of 2000.
 - 6.9.1.3 Protected Disclosures Act, Act No 26 of 2000.
 - 6.9.1.4 National Small Business Act, Act No. 102 of 1996
 - 6.9.1.5 National Small Business Amendment Act, Act No. 29 of 2004
 - 6.9.1.6 Competition Act, Act No 89 of 1998.
 - 6.9.1.7 Close Corporations Act, Act No. 69 of 1984 and its regulations
 - 6.9.1.8 Companies Act, Act No. 71 of 2008
- 6.9.2 All other applicable by-laws, ordinances or legislation impacting on SCM must be taken into account.

6.10	PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP REGULATIONS
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- 6.10.1 In instances where goods, works and/or services are procured by means of public private partnerships (PPP's), Chapter 11, Part 2 of the MFMA as well as the MFMA PPP Regulations of 2005 must be adhered to.
- 6.10.2 SCM must, in terms of National Treasury MFMA Circular 32 of 2003, assist the municipality with preparation of the annual report as it relates to agreements, contracts and projects under Public Private Partnership, service delivery performance, long-terms contracts, etc.

6.11	NATIONAL TREASURY GUIDELINES
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- 6.11.1 Regulations issued by National Treasury under the MFMA are mandatory for COE to follow but SCM guidelines issued under the MFMA must be adopted by Council before they become applicable to the Municipality, either via SCM policy or on their own.
- 6.11.2 COE will however, utilize all Treasury issued guidelines as best practice references, should such guidelines not be adopted by Council.
- 6.11.3 All MFMA related regulations and guidelines on SCM are electronically available on National Treasury's website (www.treasury.gov.za.)

6.12	THE KING III REPORT ON GOOD GOVERNANCE
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- 6.12.1 The King III report sets out key principles of good governance, as follows:
- 6.12.2 Developmental local government is local government committed to working with citizens and groups within the community to find sustainable ways to meet their social, economic and material needs and improve the quality of life.
- 6.12.2.1 Accountability for services
 - 6.12.2.2 Sustainability of services
 - 6.12.2.3 Accountability, transparency and good governance
 - 6.12.2.4 King III promotes that statutory financial information and sustainability information be integrated in the "Annual Report" of an organisation.

SECTION 7 ESTABLISHMENT

7.1 THE SCM SYSTEM

- 7.1.1 An effective and efficient SCM system is hereby established for:
 - 7.1.1.1 The acquisition of goods, services and works
 - 7.1.1.2 The disposal and letting of state assets and goods no longer required.
- 7.1.2 The system shall be fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective.
- 7.1.3 The system shall be consistent with the PPPFA and shall take account of the B- BBEE Act and its Codes of Good Practice.
- 7.1.4 The system shall provide for at least the following effective systems:
 - 7.1.4.1 Demand management
 - 7.1.4.2 Acquisition management
 - 7.1.4.3 Logistics management
 - 7.1.4.4 Disposal management
 - 7.1.4.5 Risk management
 - 7.1.4.6 Regular assessment of supply chain performance.

7.2 THE SCM FUNCTION

- 7.2.1 The CM shall establish a SCM directorate (SCM division) to implement this SCM policy.
- 7.2.2 The SCM directorate shall, where possible, operate under the direct supervision of the Chief Financial Officer or a delegated official, in terms of section 7(3) of the MFMA Regulations.

7.3 TRAINING OF SCM OFFICIALS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

- 7.3.1 COE shall, for SCM purposes, provide resources or opportunities for the training of relevant officials, to meet the prescribed National Treasury minimum competency levels.
- 7.3.2 The training of officials (SCM practitioners, users, SCM committee members, etc.) involved in implementing this SCM policy and system should be in accordance with all Treasury regulations and guidelines on SCM training.
- 7.3.3 Relevant officials should be trained on all aspects of SCM over and above SCM regulations, as and when deemed appropriate by COE.

SECTION 8 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

8.1 SUPPLY CHAIN FOCUS

- 8.1.1 The roles and responsibilities of all the structures hereunder are defined only from the perspective of SCM.

8.2 OVERSIGHT ROLE OF COE COUNCIL

- 8.2.1 The Council shall at least annually review and as necessary adopt an updated or amended SCM Policy.
- 8.2.2 The Council shall maintain oversight over the implementation of the SCM Policy to ensure that it is within the ambit of the applicable legislation.
- 8.2.3 From a SCM perspective, the Municipal Public Accounts Committee shall:
 - 8.2.3.1 Investigate all SCM related expenditure that falls into the definitions of fruitless and wasteful, irregular and unauthorised expenditure and shall recommend appropriate action to Council.
- 8.2.4 The Council shall delegate additional SCM powers and duties to the CM for the execution of SCM functions.

8.3 OVERSIGHT ROLE OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE

- 8.3.1 The COE Mayoral Committee shall:
- 8.3.2 Ensure a co-operative response to SCM policies that affect all the Departments.
- 8.3.3 Co-ordinate the programs and projects of the Departments;

8.4 ROLE OF THE CITY MANAGER

- 8.4.1 In terms of the MFMA, the City Manager (CM) shall:
 - 8.4.1.1 Discharge his/her duties in respect of implementation the SCM policy.
 - 8.4.1.2 Comply with his/her responsibilities in terms of Section 115 of the MFMA and other applicable provisions.
 - 8.4.1.3 Take all reasonable steps to ensure that COE has and implements a SCM policy as set out in MFMA Regulation 2 and taking into account any treasury regulations and guidelines.
 - 8.4.1.4 Maximise administrative and operational efficiency in the implementation of the SCM policy.
 - 8.4.1.5 Sub-delegate in writing such SCM powers and duties as necessary for the effective management of SCM.

- 8.4.1.6 Enforce reasonable cost-effective measures for the prevention of fraud, corruption, favouritism and unfair and irregular practices in the implementation of the SCM Policy.
- 8.4.1.7 Take all reasonable steps to ensure that proper mechanisms, delegation (through sub-delegation) and separation of duties in the SCM system are in place to minimise the likelihood of fraud, corruption, favouritism and unfair and irregular practices.
- 8.4.1.8 Exercise utmost care to ensure reasonable protection of the assets and records of COE.
- 8.4.2 The CM is responsible for the preparation and submission of the draft SCM policy as well as amendments to the Council for adoption.
- 8.4.3 The CM shall immediately establish a Bid Committee System, comprising of at least the under-mentioned bid committees and must appoint the members of each committee, taking into account that the members must be eligible for the positions:
- 8.4.4 At least one Bid Specification Committees (BSC)
- 8.4.5 At least one Bid Evaluation Committees (BEC)
- 8.4.6 A Bid Adjudication Committee (BAC) with varying approval and recommendation thresholds, as deemed appropriate for the proper functioning of the Bid Committee system.
- 8.4.7 On specific strategic or high value bids, the CM may provide for a neutral and/or independent oversight body to oversee such bid processes CM to ensure compliance, fairness and promote transparency.
- 8.4.8 The CM may apply the committee system to formal written price quotations, where such intervention is deemed appropriate.
- 8.4.9 The CM may procure goods and services for COE by utilising the committee system of another municipality or municipal entity in terms of an agreement with that other municipality or municipal entity.
- 8.4.10 The CM shall, within 10 days after the end of each financial year, submit a report on the implementation of the SCM policy to the Council for consideration.
- 8.4.11 For the purposes of the oversight role, the CM shall, whenever there are serious and material problems in the implementation of the SCM policy, immediately submit a report on the implementation and maintenance of the policy to the Council.
- 8.4.12 The CM shall within 10 days of the end of the quarter, submit a report on the implementation of the SCM policy to the Mayor.
- 8.4.13 The reports shall be made public in accordance with a process similar to publicising in terms of section 21A of the Municipal Systems Act.
- 8.4.14 The CM may not:
 - 8.4.14.1 Act in a way that is inconsistent with the responsibilities assigned to the CM in terms of the MFMA.

- 8.4.14.2 Use the position or privileges of, or confidential information obtained as CM, for personal gain or to improperly benefit another person.
- 8.4.15 In terms of the MSCM Regulations of 2005:
- 8.4.15.1 Regulation 3(1) states that the CM of the municipality shall:
- (a) promptly prepare and submit a draft supply chain management (SCM) policy, complying with MSCM Regulation 2 to the Council for adoption
 - (b) at least annually review the implementation of the policy, and
 - (c) when the CM considers it necessary, submit proposals for amendment of the policy to the Council.
- 8.4.16 Regulation 3(2) states that:
- (a) the CM may use any Treasury guidelines determining standards for municipal SCM policies and submit to Council that standard or a modified version thereof, as a draft policy
 - (b) if the CM submits a draft policy to the Council that differs from the (National Treasury's) guideline standard, the CM shall ensure that such draft policy complies with Regulation 2.
 - (c) the CM shall report any deviation from the guideline standard to the National Treasury and the relevant Provincial Treasury.
- 8.4.17 Regulation 3(3) states that when preparing or amending its SCM policy, the municipality shall take account of the need for uniformity in SCM practices, particularly to promote accessibility of SCM systems for small businesses.
- 8.4.18 Regulation 3(4) states that the CM shall in terms of section 62(1)(f)(iv) of the MFMA take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Municipality has and implements a SCM policy as set out in Regulation 2.
- 8.4.19 The CM shall submit deviation reports to Council on a quarterly basis.

8.5 ROLE OF STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT TEAM (SMT)

- 8.5.1 The SMT shall:
 - 8.5.1.1 Monitor and recommend to the CM, scheduled reports received from the CFO and SCM on the implementation of SCM policy and the performance of SCM.
 - 8.5.1.2 Review and approve the SCM structure.
 - 8.5.1.3 Approve consolidated demand management plans.

8.6 ROLE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO)

- 8.6.1 In addition to role of the CFO in accordance with section 81 of the MFMA, the CFO shall ensure the establishment of a compliant SCM function for COE and shall maintain and oversee such SCM office and function within his structure.
- 8.6.2 Shall ensure the development and implementation of a best practice operating model for SCM in the municipality
- 8.6.3 Shall ensure that the municipality has an approved SCM policy, procedures, strategy and SCM IT systems which provides for the execution of a compliant, efficient and cost effective SCM function within COE.
- 8.6.4 Shall ensure that the SCM function is adequately capacitated, skilled and trained to comprehensively address all SCM needs of COE.
- 8.6.5 Shall provide advice to the CM, senior managers and other senior officials on SCM matters.

8.7 ROLE OF THE HEAD OF SCM

- 8.7.1 The Head of SCM is responsible for the implementation of SCM policy, procedures, SCM IT systems, operating model and strategy, in the municipality and management of the day-to-day operations of SCM as well as management of SCM staff.
- 8.7.2 Effective demand management and supply chain planning is also one of the primary responsibilities of the Head of SCM.
- 8.7.3 The Head of SCM shall oversee the consolidation of demand management plans and for the submission via the CFO to the SMT for approval.
- 8.7.4 The Head of SCM reports to the CFO on SCM operations and submits reports and management information, as required, to the CFO, CM, Council and to the National and Provincial Treasuries.
- 8.7.5 The Head of SCM shall provide advice on SCM matters to Council, CM, CFO, senior managers and other senior officials.

8.8 ROLE OF HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

- 8.8.1 Provide inputs for the SCM policy, procedures, delegations and reports.

- 8.8.2 Provide approval to commence with a project through external procurement, where required, for values up to R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included).
- 8.8.3 Approve terms of reference/specification & evaluation criteria and special conditions, per requirement, in consultation with SCM, where required, for values up to R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included).
- 8.8.4 Approve deviation from normal procurement procedures and processes due to emergency. Obtain approval as soon as possible after the event from the AO. Report afterwards as per the emergency reporting requirement.
- 8.8.5 Adjudicate quotations up to R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included) or sub- delegate the function to a senior manager in the department. However, when the highest scorer is not recommended, or where the adjudication structure does not agree with the recommendation of the evaluation structure, the adjudication structure loses its ability to award and the recommendation must go to the HOD or lower threshold BAC for adjudication, as the case may be.
- 8.8.6 The relevant HOD or sub-delegated by the HOD, up to R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included), may draw lots in the event of equal bids to determine who is awarded the bid/quote, provided that the bidders have also scored equal points for the attainment of specified preferential goals.
- 8.8.7 Signing of contracts, above R 2 million up to R 10 million (all applicable taxes included). This must be in line with any conditions imposed by any award structures that adjudicated and approved the award.
- 8.8.8 HOD's may recommend contract variations, amendments, transfer, cession or termination to the relevant BAC or the CM for approval.

8.9 ROLE OF COE SENIOR MANAGERS

- 8.9.1 Provide inputs for the SCM policy, procedures, delegations and reports.
- 8.9.2 Adjudicate quotations up to R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included) or sub- delegate the function to a senior manager in the department.

However, when the highest scorer is not recommended, or where the adjudication structure does not agree with the recommendation of the evaluation structure, the adjudication structure loses its ability to award and the recommendation must go to the HOD or lower threshold BAC for adjudication, as the case may be.
- 8.9.3 The relevant HOD or senior manager per department, sub-delegated by the HOD, up to R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included), may draw lots in the event of equal bids to determine who is awarded the bid/quote, provided that the bidders have also scored equal points for the attainment of specified preferential goals.
- 8.9.4 Signing of contracts, up to R 2 million (all applicable taxes included). This must be in line with any conditions imposed by any award structures that adjudicated and approved the award.
- 8.9.5 Senior managers may recommend contract variations, amendments, transfer, cession or termination up to R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included) to the relevant HOD for tabling in BAC

SECTION 9 BID COMMITTEE SYSTEM

9.1 THE BID COMMITTEE SYSTEM

9.1.1 The committee system for competitive bids shall consist of at least:

- 9.1.1.1 A Bid Specification Committee (BSC)
- 9.1.1.2 A Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC)
- 9.1.1.3 A Bid Adjudication Committee (BAC)
- 9.1.1.4 A Disposal Committee
- 9.1.1.5 An Appeals Committee.

9.1.2 The committee system shall operate within the prescripts of the following legislation and regulations:

- 9.1.2.1 The MFMA
- 9.1.2.2 MSCM Regulations, especially regulations 27, 28 and 29
- 9.1.2.3 The Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act and its Regulations
- 9.1.2.4 Elements of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, its Strategy and the Codes of Good Practice
- 9.1.2.5 All other legislation, regulations and National Treasury guidelines impacting on SCM.

9.2 BID SPECIFICATION COMMITTEES (BSCs)

9.2.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF BID SPECIFICATION COMMITTEES

9.2.1.1 The CM shall establish and appoint one or more Bid Specification Committee/s on an ad hoc basis, as necessary, to cater for the main requirements of the municipality.

9.2.2 FUNCTIONS OF BID SPECIFICATION COMMITTEES

9.2.2.1 Each bid specification committee shall compile bid specifications/terms of references for the procurement of goods and services in as per their delegations and ensure that the specifications/terms of references is/are in accordance with the IDP.

9.2.3 COMPOSITION OF BID SPECIFICATION COMMITTEES

9.2.3.1 Each Committee shall at least be composed of:

9.2.3.2 The appointed SCM specialist responsible for the goods or services.

9.2.3.3 One or more officials from COE and preferably from the relevant Technical and Functional department

9.2.3.4 Legal expert

9.2.3.5 SCM Risk and compliance expert

9.2.3.6 A Finance person should be made available when such expertise is crucial in the development of the Terms of Reference.

9.2.3.7 In respect of procurement or sale of property, the Development Facilitation Steering Committee will constitute the BSC

9.2.3.8 The Committee may, where appropriate, include external specialists/ advisors.

9.2.3.9 No person, advisor or corporate entity involved with the bid specification committee, or director of such a corporate entity, may bid for any resulting contracts.

9.3 BID EVALUATION COMMITTEES (BEC's)

9.3.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF BID EVALUATION COMMITTEES

- 9.3.1.1 The CM shall establish and appoint one or more Bid Evaluation Committees, as necessary per requirement, to cater for the main requirements of the municipality.
- 9.3.1.2 In respect of procurement of property, the Growth and Development Technical Cluster may constitute the BEC.
- 9.3.1.3 Should a member declare a conflict of interest at any stage, the member may not be part of the Bid Evaluation Committee and shall be replaced by a member of suitable expertise.
- 9.3.1.4 An official may not be a member of the Bid Evaluation Committee and the Adjudication Committee/Award Structure for the same bid.
- 9.3.1.5 Persons other than members of the Bid Evaluation Committee or the official/s rendering the Secretariat function are allowed to attend the meetings with prior approval of the CM.
- 9.3.1.6 Attendance may be on a permanent invitee basis or on an ad-hoc basis, as approved by the CM.
- 9.3.1.7 Such person/s shall subscribe to the rules and regulations applicable to a member of the Committee.

9.3.2 FUNCTIONS OF BID EVALUATION COMMITTEES

- 9.3.2.1 The Bid Evaluation Committee will evaluate all bids received from above the quotation threshold.
- 9.3.2.2 The Bid Evaluation Committee shall:
 - 9.3.2.3 Evaluate each bidder's technical and financial ability to execute the contract.
 - 9.3.2.3.1 Check that bids under evaluation are compliant as per the bid document.
 - 9.3.2.3.2 The Risk and Compliance officer attending the meeting shall ensure that evaluations are compliant to policy, procedure and process.
- 9.3.2.4 The Bid Evaluation Committee will submit a report and recommendations regarding the award of the bid or any other related matter to the relevant Bid Adjudication Committee for recommendation.
- 9.3.2.5 Members of the Bid Evaluation Committee may present their reports to the Bid Adjudication Committee to clarify uncertainties. Such members shall not have any voting power on the Bid Adjudication Committee.

9.3.3 COMPOSITION OF BID EVALUATION COMMITTEES

- 9.3.3.1 A Bid Evaluation Committee should consist of at least three members of which one shall be a senior official.
- 9.3.3.2 The Bid Evaluation Committee should comprise of at least one supply chain specialist, a financial analyst and an official/s from the relevant Department/s.
- 9.3.3.3 If considered necessary, appoint additional officials with suitable expertise from other organs of state with voting rights.
- 9.3.3.4 If considered necessary, appoint additional experts in an advisory capacity only with no voting rights, where such experts are not government officials.
- 9.3.3.5 COE may appoint alternates to the members appointed in their individual capacities.
- 9.3.3.6 A legal expert may be appointed to provide advisory support to the Committee.
- 9.3.3.7 COE's Bid Committee Secretariat shall fulfill the professional secretariat function.
- 9.3.3.8 A Risk and Compliance officer shall attend the meeting, but will have no voting rights.
- 9.3.3.9 The CM or delegate shall appoint one of the members of the Bid Evaluation Committee as the chairperson of the Committee. The chairperson shall be a senior official.

9.4 AWARD STRUCTURES

9.4.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF AWARD STRUCTURES

9.4.1.1 The CM shall establish the necessary award structures to perform the award/adjudication of quotations and bids as well as for contract variations or amendments.

9.4.1.2 The following award structures shall be established:

9.4.1.2.1 A delegated official/s for awards up to the quotation threshold as well as for contract variations, amendments, transfers, cessions or terminations.

9.4.1.2.2 At least one standing Bid Adjudication Committee for awards above R 200 000 up to R 2 million (all applicable taxes included) as well as for contract variations, amendments, transfers, cessions or terminations.

9.4.1.2.3 At least one BAC for awards above R 2 million up to R 10 million and recommendations to the CM for awards above R10 million (all applicable taxes included), as well as for contract variations, amendments, transfers, cessions or terminations.

9.4.1.2.4 The CM is the Award structure for all final awards above R 10 million as well as for all lower value final awards not formally delegated to any other award structure (all applicable taxes included) as well as for contract variations, amendments, transfers, cessions or terminations.

9.4.1.3 The award structure for a specific quotation/bid cannot be:

9.4.1.3.1 An official who compiled specifications or performed the evaluation or made a recommendation in respect of that quotation/bid.

9.4.1.3.2 A person who served as member on the Bid Specification Committee or Bid Evaluation Committee, which processed that quotation/bid.

9.4.1.4 No advisor or person who assisted the Bid Specification Committee or Bid Evaluation Committee, may form part of the final decision-making process regarding the award of bids.

9.4.1.5 A Bid Adjudication Committee should not be established for a period exceeding 2 years should replacement skills be available, with the option to extend each member's individual appointment for a period not longer than another two years.

9.4.1.6 Each member shall have an alternate/secundus where feasible in the case of a standing committee.

9.4.1.7 Members as well as officials rendering administrative support shall sign an attendance register, an undertaking of confidentiality and impartiality and shall declare any interests.

9.4.2 FUNCTIONS OF BID ADJUDICATION COMMITTEES

9.4.2.1 A Bid Adjudication Committee shall consider reports and recommendations made by the Bid Evaluation Committees.

9.4.2.2 A BAC shall approve, within delegation, BEC reports submitted and award bids, if delegated to do so, through the recording of minutes of the decision and the signing of the evaluation and recommendation reports under the BAC signature section.

9.4.2.3 A BAC shall ensure that:

9.4.2.3.1 All bids have been evaluated in a compliant manner

- 9.4.2.3.2 Disqualifications are justified and that valid and accountable reasons/motivations were furnished for passing over of bids,
 - 9.4.2.3.3 Scoring has been fair, consistent and correctly calculated and applied; and
 - 9.4.2.3.4 Declarations of interest have been taken cognizance of.
- 9424 A BAC shall ensure, before recommending or awarding a bid, that the bid represents the best value available to COE, in terms of price, functionality, local content and promotion of BEE.
- 9425 If a Bid Adjudication Committee is not delegated to award a specific bid, it shall comment on the recommendations made and forward it together with the report to the higher BAC or to the CM with an alternative recommendation, who shall finally award the contract. They may also refer recommendations back to the BEC if in disagreement.
- 9426 If a bid other than the one recommended in the normal course of implementing the SCM policy is approved, the CM shall within 10 working days, in writing notify the Auditor-General, the Gauteng Provincial Treasury and the National Treasury of the reasons for deviating from such recommendation.
- 9427 BAC's shall also consider and approve/recommend to the CM for approval or alternatively refer back requests to the initiating Department in respect of contract variations or amendments falling within their delegated thresholds.
- 9.4.3 FUNCTIONS OF OTHER AWARD STRUCTURES
- 9.4.3.1 Other award structures shall have similar functions to those described for the Bid Adjudication Committee.
- 9.4.4 COMPOSITION OF A BID ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE
- 9.4.4.1 The Bid Adjudication Committee shall consist of *at least four senior officials* of COE and which shall include:
- 9.4.4.1.1 The Chief Financial Officer of COE or if the CFO is not available, another senior manager designated by the Chief Financial Officer and reporting directly to the CFO.
 - 9.4.4.1.2 At least one senior SCM practitioner, who is an official of COE.
 - 9.4.4.1.3 A technical expert in the relevant field who is an official of COE, if COE has such an expert.
- 9.4.4.2 The CM or delegate shall appoint the chairperson of the Bid Adjudication Committee.
- 9.4.4.3 If the chairperson is absent from the meeting, the members present shall elect a member to preside at the meeting.
- 9.4.4.4 It shall always be ensured that sufficient financial and legal expertise and supply chain expertise are represented on the Bid Adjudication Committee.
- 9.4.4.4.1 Quorum; the BAC cannot undertake business without a quorum, consisting of 50% plus 1 member.
 - 9.4.4.4.2 *Alternate/Secondee*; The CM shall appoint an alternate per bid committee member to temporarily replace members that are absent from a meeting/s.

- 9.4.4.4.3 *Attendance register:* Members will be required to sign an attendance register, an undertaking of confidentiality and impartiality and a declaration of interest.
- 9.4.4.4.4 *Conflict of interest:* If a member has a conflict of interest with any item to be considered it shall be recorded in the minutes and the member shall recuse himself/herself from the decision making process.
- 9.4.4.4.5 *Gift register:* No official or other role player involved in SCM may accept any gift, reward, favour, hospitality or other benefits promised directly or indirectly, including to close family members, partner or associate. Where approval is granted for such gift it should be recorded in a gift register.
- 9.4.4.4.6 *Chairperson:* Will preside over a meeting and, in the absence of a chairperson, the vice chairperson will occupy the chair.

9.4.5 CLEARANCE OF MEMBERS OF THE BAC

- 9.4.5.1 The Head of SCM shall, in conjunction with the CFO, CM and other relevant senior stakeholders, recommend the appropriate members to serve on the Bid Adjudication Committee.
- 9.4.5.2 The selected members shall be senior officials.
- 9.4.5.3 BAC members shall be cleared to the level of “confidential” by the CM on an annual basis.

9.4.6 RESOLUTION OF DISAGREEMENTS ON AWARD OF CONTRACTS

- 9.4.6.1 Where a Bid Adjudication Committee disagrees with the recommendation of the relevant Bid Evaluation Committee on the adjudication of a contract, the request with the recommendation of the Bid Evaluation Committee, the commentary and reasons of the Bid Adjudication Committee are to be submitted to the CM for a final decision.
- 9.4.6.2 The CM may obtain advice, including SMT advice, as deemed necessary in regard to any SCM matter under his consideration.
- 9.4.6.3 The CM may:
 - 9.4.6.3.1 After due consideration of the reasons for any deviation described in section 36 of the MSCM Regulations, ratify or reject the decision of the Bid Adjudication Committee. If the decision of the Bid Adjudication Committee is rejected, refer the decision of the Bid Adjudication Committee back to that Committee for consideration.
 - 9.4.6.3.2 On reasonable grounds, at adjudication stage of a bidding process, refer any recommendation made by the Bid Evaluation Committee or the Bid Adjudication Committee back to the committee for consideration of the recommendation.
 - 9.4.6.4 Should the CM decide to award a bid to a bidder other than the one recommended by the Bid Evaluation or Bid Adjudication Committee and the Bid Evaluation Committee did use the correct process to determine their recommendation, the CM shall, in writing, notify the Auditor-General, the Provincial Treasury and the National Treasury of the reasons for deviating from such recommendation, within 10 working days.

9.5 DISPOSAL COMMITTEES

9.5.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

- 9.5.1.1 The CM or delegate shall establish and appoint one or more Disposal Committees and its chairperson on an ad hoc basis, as necessary.
- 9.5.1.2 The Disposal Committee should be established on an ad hoc basis for each requirement.
- 9.5.1.3 Once a disposal requirement is identified, the SCM Unit shall recommend the establishment of a Disposal Committee to the CM.

9.5.2 FUNCTIONS OF A DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

- 9.5.2.1 Inspect all items that appear on the disposal certificate.
- 9.5.2.2 All members of the Committee shall objectively evaluate the items that are submitted for disposal.
- 9.5.2.3 Make recommendations for consideration to the CM or delegate on the following issues:
 - 9.5.2.3.1 Whether items should be disposed of.
 - 9.5.2.3.2 The appropriate disposal method.
- 9.5.2.4 The Disposal Committee subsequently convenes on the date previously arranged by the chairperson of the Disposal Committee.
- 9.5.2.5 After the inspection and evaluation of the items the Disposal Committee shall make recommendations, which will be indicated on the disposal certificate.
- 9.5.2.6 The Committee shall ensure that all disposal actions are accounted for in the financial records.
- 9.5.2.7 All the steps in the disposal process shall be recorded on the disposal register.

9.5.3 COMPOSITION OF A DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

- 9.5.3.1 A Disposal Committee should consist of at least three officials.
- 9.5.3.2 The following should be represented on the Committee for movable assets and for which the CM shall appoint the chairperson:
 - 9.5.3.2.1 The relevant commodity manager.
 - 9.5.3.2.2 An official proficient in logistics management.
 - 9.5.3.2.3 The relevant end user of the commodity considered for disposal.
- 9.5.3.3 The following should be represented on the Committee for immovable assets:
 - 9.5.3.3.1 CFO as chairperson
 - 9.5.3.3.2 Senior Official from the SCM directorate
 - 9.5.3.3.3 Senior Official from the Finance directorate
 - 9.5.3.3.4 Senior Official from the Legal directorate
 - 9.5.3.3.5 An official proficient in logistics management.
 - 9.5.3.3.6 The relevant End User/Commodity Manager of the commodity considered for disposal.
- 9.5.3.4 An official who is in direct control of stores/equipment, which is to be evaluated may not serve as a member of the Disposal Committee, but can assist the Disposal Committee in the evaluation process.

9.6 BID APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 9.6.1 All appeals will be dealt with inline with supply chain management regulations 49 and 50 respectively.

SECTION 10 AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE

10.1 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

- 10.1.1 The allocation and dissemination of delegation of authority shall be read in conjunction with the document on the “system of delegation” especially as it pertains to the legislative and governance framework, decision making structures, the various committees, and the flow of information for decision making.
- 10.1.2 SCM activities shall be executed in accordance with pre-established levels of authority through delegations to ensure control and division of responsibility.
- 10.1.3 Delegations shall be in writing to a specific individual or the holder of a post and shall be in line with the CM's delegated powers and contained in the separate Delegation of Authority Document.
- 10.1.4 A delegation shall be subject to such limitations and conditions as the CM may impose in a specific case.
- 10.1.5 The CM is entitled to confirm, vary or revoke any decision taken in consequence of a delegation, provided that no such variation or revocation of a decision should detract from any rights that may have accrued as a result of the decision.

10.2 DELEGATION OF SCM POWERS AND DUTIES

- 10.2.1 The Council shall delegate such additional powers and duties to the CM so as to enable the CM to:
- 10.2.2 Discharge the legislative SCM responsibilities conferred on the CM in terms of Chapter 8 or 10 of the MFMA and the SCM Policy.
- 10.2.3 Maximise administrative and operational efficiency in the implementation of the SCM policy.
- 10.2.4 Enforce reasonable cost-effective measures for the prevention of fraud, corruption, favouritism and unfair and irregular practices in the implementation of the SCM policy.
- 10.2.5 Comply with responsibilities in terms of Section 115 and other applicable provisions of the MFMA.
- 10.2.6 The Council shall not delegate and the CM shall not sub-delegate any SCM powers or duties to:
- 10.2.7 A person who is not an official of COE.
- 10.2.8 A committee which is not exclusively composed of officials of COE.

10.3 SUB-DELEGATIONS

- 10.3.1 The Council shall approve all sub-delegations recommended by the CM.
- 10.3.2 The Council may consider attaching conditions to the sub-delegations approved.
- 10.3.3 The CM may in terms of section 79(3) of the Act sub-delegate any SCM powers and duties, including those delegated by Council to the CM (MSCM Regulation 4.1), subject to restrictions in terms of MSCM Regulations 5.
- 10.3.4 The CM may not sub-delegate the power to make a final award, above R 10 million (all applicable taxes included).
- 10.3.5 The power to make a final award not exceeding R10 million (all applicable taxes included) is sub-delegated in the Delegations of Authority document with certain restrictions, as noted hereunder.
- 10.3.6 The power to make a final award above R2 million (all applicable taxes included), but not exceeding R10 million (all applicable taxes included) may be sub- delegated but only to:
 - 10.3.6.1 The Chief Financial Officer.
 - 10.3.6.2 A senior official
 - 10.3.6.3 A Bid Adjudication Committee of which the Chief Financial Officer or a senior official is a member.
- 10.3.7 The power to make a final award not exceeding R2 million (all applicable taxes included), may be sub-delegated but only to:
 - 10.3.7.1 The Chief Financial Officer.
 - 10.3.7.2 A senior official.
 - 10.3.7.3 A manager directly accountable to the Chief Financial Officer or a senior official.
 - 10.3.7.4 A Bid Adjudication Committee.
- 10.3.8 The power to make a final award above R10 million (all applicable taxes included) rests with the CM.

10.4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICIALS

- 10.4.1 Each official shall carry out its activities within its area of responsibility.
- 10.4.2 Each official shall take appropriate steps to prevent any unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure in its area of responsibility.

10.5 PARTICIPATION OF ADVISORS/CONSULTANTS

- 10.5.1 Specialist advisors may assist in the execution of the SCM function.
- 10.5.2 The above services shall be obtained through a competitive process and in accordance with the overall objective as outlined in this policy.
- 10.5.3 No decision-making in terms of any SCM powers and duties shall be delegated to an advisor or consultant.

10.6 ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

- 10.6.1 Uninterrupted determination of responsibility and accountability should be maintained at all times to ensure that the supply chain system is managed efficiently. It is imperative that the duties and responsibilities of every member of the SCM directorate be clearly defined and delegated.
- 10.6.2 Responsibility
 - 10.6.2.1 Responsibility shall be clearly delegated in writing. Formal acceptance of the delegated duties and responsibilities is also required if it is to be binding.
- 10.6.3 Accountability
 - 10.6.3.1 The delegation of responsibilities and authority creates the obligation and liability to perform duties properly and in accordance with regulations. Delegation to a lower level within the municipality does not diminish the accountability vested in the higher levels within the municipality. It is therefore clear that accountability is created at every level, but can never be delegated.
- 10.6.4 Authority
 - 10.6.4.1 Duties and responsibilities cannot be successfully executed without proper authority. The individual, to whom duties and responsibilities have been delegated, shall have the mandate to give orders and the authority to enforce obedience within the organisational parameters for proper conduct. The person shall therefore be empowered to exercise the rights and to use the discretion assigned to a position.
 - 10.6.4.2 Authority shall therefore be clearly defined and delegated in writing. Formal acceptance of the delegated authority is also required if it is to be binding.
- 10.6.5 Influence of expertise on delegations
 - 10.6.5.1 A function or task may only be delegated to a qualified and competent official. Accountability cannot be established if it is known that the person to be delegated to is not competent or qualified to execute the task.

SECTION 11 RISK MANAGEMENT

11.1 INTRODUCTION

- 11.1.1 This section shall be read in conjunction with the risk strategy and policy of the COE.
- 11.1.2 The management of risk is an integral management function. Evaluation of risk management effectiveness is vital to maximise the value created through risk management practices.
- 11.1.3 The MFMA requires the Municipal Manager to effectively manage risk as well as ensure that an effective fraud prevention plan is in place as part of ensuring good governance and effective management of resources of the municipality.
- 11.1.4 The COE has a low risk appetite for all forms of loss resulting from negligence and wasteful or fruitless expenditure and zero tolerance to fraud and corruption.
- 11.1.5 The SCM division shall establish the risk appetite in the various areas of SCM operations.
- 11.1.6 A systematic risk management framework which shall incorporate a regular assessment of the relevant risks shall be developed.
- 11.1.7 The SCM division shall with regards to risk, be responsible for:
 - 11.1.7.1 Applying the risk management processes in their respective functions;
 - 11.1.7.2 Implement an action plans to address the identified risks;
 - 11.1.7.3 Inform management and/ or the Risk Management Office of new risks and significant changes in known risks.
 - 11.1.7.4 The risk identification approach shall focus on the examination of the essential elements of risk such as assets, threats, vulnerabilities, safeguards, consequences and the likelihood of the threats materialising.

11.2 RESPONSIBILITY FOR RISK MANAGEMENT

- 11.2.1 The CM shall ensure that COE has and maintains an effective system of risk management for the identification, consideration and avoidance of potential risks in the SCM system.
- 11.2.2 Aspects of risk management shall be allocated to the CFO, the SCM practitioners, the bid committees, the internal audit function and the Audit Committee, each of which shall ultimately be accountable to the CM or the Council for the discharge of their responsibilities.

11.3 APPLICATION OF RISK MANAGEMENT IN SCM

- 11.3.1 The CM or delegate shall determine COE's risk appetite.
- 11.3.2 Risks shall be identified upfront on a case-by-case basis.
- 11.3.3 Risks shall be allocated to the party best suited to manage such risks.
- 11.3.4 COE shall accept the cost of risks where the cost of transferring the risk is greater than that of retaining such risk and it shall transfer the risk where this is not the case.
- 11.3.5 COE shall pro-actively manage risks and provide for adequate cover for residual risks.
- 11.3.6 The bid and contract documentation shall clearly and unambiguously state to whom the risk has been allocated and who should take responsibility for managing it.

11.4 GUARANTEES

- 11.4.1 Performance guarantees (also referred to as surety/security) should be commensurate with the degree of contractual risk to which COE is exposed.
- 11.4.2 Performance guarantees should spread the cost of the risk of failure between the contracting parties and should be set at such a level that all COE's costs relating to such failure are likely to be recovered.
- 11.4.3 It would be prudent to make adequate provision in all engineering and construction works contracts to ensure that monies are available to rectify defects.
- 11.4.4 Performance bonds in engineering and construction works contracts should be waived in low value, low risk contracts or where a third party carries the risk of failure in an acceptable manner.
- 11.4.5 Performance guarantees may only be accepted from a banking institution registered in terms of the Banks Act, Act No 94 of 1990 or from an insurer registered in terms of the Insurance Act, Act No 27 of 1943. The Financial Services Board may be contacted on 0800110443 to establish whether or not a company is a registered insurer.

11.5 RETENTION

- 11.5.1 Retention is an amount of money retained for a certain period to offset costs which may arise from the contractor's failure to comply fully with the contract.
- 11.5.2 Retention amounts are deducted from the value of the interim amounts inclusive of VAT due to contractors in construction works contracts. (Retention amounts are financial arrangements between the parties to a contract and are therefore not subject to VAT.)

Some forms of contract include the release of retention monies in interim and final payments. Others make these amounts due within a specified time after the employer's agent certifies completion or the end of the defects liability period in terms of the contract.

11.6 INSURANCE

- 11.6.1 COE shall insure for procurement related physical risks and, where feasible, establish risk management programmes or make advance provision for losses associated with such risks. Suitable arrangements should also be made to ensure that insurance related excesses do not cause the non-participation or failure of emerging small and micro enterprises.

11.7 PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- 11.7.1 To be effective, risk management could be managed as a project where feasible, with written objectives, milestones and resources (people, time, finances, etc). The following aspects are highlighted:
- 11.7.2 Integrated control is essential to achieve the desired result.
- 11.7.3 The scope, timeframes, cost, other resources shall all be investigated and documented.
- 11.7.4 The quality of the outcome shall also be identified and quantified.
- 11.7.5 Risk management policies, plans and procedures, including duties and responsibilities, shall be effectively communicated to all concerned.
- 11.7.6 All real or potential risks shall be identified.

SECTION 12 DEMAND MANAGEMENT

12.1 DEMAND PLANNING

- 12.1.1 The demand management system shall ensure that the resources required to support the strategic and operational commitments of COE, are delivered at the correct time, at the right price and the right location, and that the quantity and quality satisfies the need of COE. Therefore demand planning shall be executed.
- 12.1.2 Demand management shall translate the IDP and SDBIP of COE into current and future needs and to cost and budget for it.
- 12.1.3 Establishment of a Cross-Functional Team
 - 12.1.3.1 Demand management or planning shall be a cross-functional exercise that brings the supply chain practitioner closer to the end-user and ensures that value for money is achieved.
 - 12.1.3.2 This exercise may involve representatives from finance; SCM representing procurement, logistics and disposal, technical specialists and end-users.
 - 12.1.3.2.1 The following cross-functional team should be considered:
 - 12.1.3.2.2 Relevant end-user.
 - 12.1.3.2.3 Financial expertise
 - 12.1.3.2.4 ICT expertise.
 - 12.1.3.2.5 SCM official responsible for demand management.
- 12.1.3 Demand management should be co-ordinated by SCM in consultation with end users.
- 12.1.4 Annual Demand Planning Process
 - 12.1.4.1 The SCM division shall participate in the annual demand planning process.
 - 12.1.4.2 Each user department shall perform an annual needs analysis of strategic objectives and programmes involving SCM and Finance to determine strategic sourcing that will ultimately provide best value for money.
 - 12.1.4.3 The outcome of this activity should be a detailed planning document per department that outlines what goods, works or services should be procured, the manner in which they should be procured as well as the timelines to execute the procurement functions.
 - 12.1.4.4 The departmental planning documents should then be consolidated by SCM demand management to reflect a final composite annual demand plan for the organisation.
 - 12.1.4.5 From the consolidated demand plan, SCM should then develop annual procurement plans for quotes and for bids respectively. These procurement plans will guide the procurement activities of SCM during the course of each year.

12.1.5 PLANNING EXCEPTIONS

- ☐ If for any reason the COE wishes to undertake unplanned procurement not provided for in the approved budgets, such procurement shall be approved as delegated by the CM and as set out herein before implementation. The amended budget would then incorporate this activity, once it is appropriately approved.

12.1.6 Assessment of Current and Future Needs

- 12.1.6.1 The annual procurement plans shall be analysed in terms of goods and services required over the short and medium term.
- 12.1.6.2 The frequency of the needs and the critical delivery dates shall be established to support the SCM processes and the budgetary process.
- 12.1.6.3 The official/s responsible for the demand management function shall coordinate the needs analysis and costing of each and every programme in COE.

12.1.7 Assessment of Available Assets: Determine the Nett Requirements

- 12.1.7.1 The details of available stock, goods in transit, redundant and obsolete assets, and assets to be renewed as well as current support services has to be determined.
- 12.1.7.2 The following planning should be done
 - 12.1.7.2.1 Obsolescence planning.
 - 12.1.7.2.2 Renewal planning.
 - 12.1.7.2.3 Determining an asset strategy.
- 12.1.7.3 Asset management decisions should be integrated into the IDP and SDBIP planning process. Following an evaluation of lifecycle costs and the benefits and risks associated with each option, the strategy will identify the most appropriate approach for meeting programme delivery needs.

12.1.8 Analysis of Past Expenditure

- 12.1.8.1 An analysis of who the providers of goods and services and their locations should be made.
- 12.1.8.2 The prices paid should be determined.
- 12.1.8.3 The availability of relevant specifications/terms of reference should be established.
- 12.1.8.4 A spend analysis will provide input into sourcing strategies such as consolidated buying and to gain an understanding of historical spend patterns of different items/commodities and services.

12.1.9 Analysis of Supplying Industry

- 12.1.9.1 In analysing the industry consider the following (but not limited to):
- 12.1.9.2 Determine names of suppliers/service providers for the commodity.
- 12.1.9.3 Determine the available specifications/terms of reference.
- 12.1.9.4 Determine the location of goods as well as lead and delivery times.
- 12.1.9.5 Analysis of pricing

12.1.10 Determine Inventory Management Inputs

- 12.1.10.1 Determine minimum and maximum stock levels per item.
- 12.1.10.2 Determine safety stock per item.
- 12.1.10.3 Determine the reorder point per item.
- 12.1.10.4 Determine the fill rate per item.
- 12.1.10.5 Determine the economic order item per quantity.

- 12.1.11 Determine the Optimum Methods to Satisfy Needs
 - 12.1.11.1 Calculate the lifecycle cost (LCC) of each commodity.
 - 12.1.11.2 Determine cost saving levers
 - 12.1.11.3 Determine the net present value of each project
 - 12.1.11.4 Make use of economies of scale
 - 12.1.11.5 Determine total cost of ownership (TCO)
 - 12.1.11.6 The optimum method to satisfy needs shall be an evaluation of the procurement principles to determine the optimum method
 - 12.1.11.7 Calculate the lifecycle cost (LCC) of each commodity.
- 12.1.12 Formulation of Budget Inputs
 - 12.1.12.1 The cross-functional team is responsible to give inputs during the preparation step of the following budgets:
 - 12.1.12.1.1 The integrated development plan (3 years).
 - 12.1.12.1.2 The annual budget.
 - 12.1.12.1.3 The service delivery and budget implementation plan (1 year)
- 12.1.13 Procurement Plan/s for Acquisition Management (Procurement)
 - 12.1.13.1 The SCM directorate shall compile a procurement plan/s for acquisition management for the next financial year.
 - 12.1.13.2 The identified requirements in the SDBIP are drawn from and summarised in a procurement plan/s for acquisition for the next financial year.
 - 12.1.13.3 The procurement plan should be tabled at the SMT and the CM should approve the plan after consideration and input from the SMT.
- 12.1.14 Ad Hoc Needs Analysis
 - 12.1.14.1 Over and above the planned needs analysis, an ad hoc needs analysis has to be done for unplanned activities during the financial year.
 - 12.1.14.2 The cross-functional team will perform a need analysis on a case-by-case basis as and when required in order to determine a sourcing strategy for the appropriate product or service that will ultimately provide best value for money.
 - 12.1.14.3 The end-user shall establish the need and in the event of an acquisition in excess of the quotation threshold or a term contract, the total value of which exceeds the quotation threshold, perform a needs analysis in conjunction with the cross-functional team. Technical expertise may be co-opted to the team.
- 12.1.15 Promotion of Local Content
 - 12.1.15.1 The COE shall diligently promote local production and content for designated sectors in accordance with National Treasury's directives.
- 12.1.16 Scoping Through a Request for Information (RFI)
 - 12.1.16.1 If sufficient information is not readily available with which to draft terms of reference/specifications, a request for information (RFI) process may be followed in order to obtain more market information.
 - 12.1.16.2 The information collected in this fashion may not be used to lead to sourcing from one supplier only nor may it be used to write the ultimate specification/terms of reference around just one specific product.
 - 12.1.16.3 It shall be clearly stated in the RFI that the result of this process will not lead to an award and does not constitute a commitment.

- 12.1.17 Determining Specifications/Terms of Reference
- 12.1.17.1 The Bid Specification Committee shall draw up clear specifications and terms of reference.
- 12.1.17.2 Include clear evaluation criteria prior to the invitation of the quotation/bid as offers may only be evaluated according to the criteria stipulated in the quotation/bid document.
- 12.1.17.3 It is the responsibility of the end-user through the facilitation of the Cross- functional Team and the Bid Specification Committee to compile detailed, clear and unambiguous specifications with which to source proposals.
- 12.1.18 Compilation of Specifications or Terms of References
- 12.1.18.1 Standards and technical specifications should promote the broadest possible competition, while assuring those critical elements of performance or other requirements for the goods and services being procured are achieved.
- 12.1.18.2 Specifications should be based on relevant characteristics and/or performance requirements. References to brand names, catalogue numbers, or similar classifications should be avoided. If it is necessary to quote a brand name the words “**or equivalent**” should be added after the reference. The specification should permit the acceptance of offers for goods which have similar characteristics and which provide performance at least equivalent to those specified. The quality required should not be over specified to the extent that it will be impossible for others to offer such a product.

12.2 BILLS OF QUANTITIES

- 12.2.1 BOQ's are the most common form of pricing strategy used where the contractors undertakes construction works on the basis of full designs issued by the COE.
- 12.2.2 A BOQ gives measured or estimated quantities and a brief description of the work to be performed under contract and may be developed for construction and related procurement.
- 12.2.2.1.1 The total General items
- 12.2.2.1.2 Construction work materials content
- 12.2.2.1.3 Overheads
- 12.2.2.1.4 Risk allowances
- 12.2.2.1.5 Profit

12.3 PLANNING FOR PUBLICATION

- 12.3.1 COE shall ensure that proper planning occurs at the beginning of each year by establishing as far as possible the publication dates for that year and the first dates for the following year.

12.4 STRATEGIC SOURCING

- 12.4.1 Determine Sourcing Strategy
- 12.4.1.1 The objectives of strategic sourcing are:
 - 12.4.1.1.1 Saving costs (options of lease vs outright purchase; PPP's, BOT (build, operate, transfer) vs BOOT (build, etc.)
 - 12.4.1.1.2 Increase quality of services
 - 12.4.1.1.3 Standardise pricing

- 12.4.1.1.4 Improve operational efficiency
- 12.4.1.1.5 Access to new suppliers
- 12.4.1.1.6 Creating partnership with suppliers.
- 12.4.2 The advantages of strategic sourcing are:
 - 12.4.2.1 Improve the value to price relationship, by understanding category buying and management processes to identify improvement opportunities.
 - 12.4.2.2 Examine supplier relationships across the organisation by developing and implementing multi-year contracts with standardised terms and conditions
 - 12.4.2.3 Leverage on overall spending, through sharing best practices across the organisation.
- 12.4.3 Sourcing strategies shall determine where goods and services may be obtained and through which selection mechanism/s.
- 12.4.4 Sourcing strategies shall address value for money principles and shall be determined per commodity.
- 12.4.5 Sourcing strategies shall be approved by the SMT or Council of COE, as appropriate.
- 12.4.6 For construction and infrastructure related projects, delivery management strategies, contracting arrangements and procurement arrangements shall be established.
 - 12.4.6.1 Delivery management strategies entail:
 - * Gathering of information
 - * Formulation of procurement objectives
 - * Making strategic delivery management decisions
 - * Deciding on delivery mode (project or program)
 - * Packaging of work
 - 12.4.6.2 Contracting arrangements involves:
 - * Allocating risk for work packages
 - * Establishing requirements for outsourced professional services
 - * Packaging of professional service contracts
 - * Allocating risks for professional services contracts
 - 12.4.6.3 Procurement arrangements entail:
 - * Decide on quality strategies
 - * Decide on procurement procedures
 - * Decide on targeted procurement strategies
 - * Decide on a bid evaluation procedures

12.5 DATABASE MANAGEMENT: ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIST OF ACCREDITED PROSPECTIVE PROVIDERS

12.5.1 Establishment Details

- 12.5.1.1 COE shall establish and maintain a list of accredited prospective providers (preferred suppliers) per commodity for the purpose of obtaining written or verbal quotations and formal written price quotations.
- 12.5.1.2 In addition to the evaluation for compliance, COE shall evaluate applications in respect of their relevance for listing in relation to their field of expertise, ability to deliver or any other criteria deemed critical in service delivery
- 12.5.1.3 The list of accredited prospective providers (preferred suppliers) shall be used effectively to promote BEE through the participation of black-owned enterprises, black empowered enterprises and black women-owned enterprises.
- 12.5.1.4 The listing criteria for accredited prospective providers (preferred suppliers) will be specified in the advertisement/s.
- 12.5.1.5 Prospective providers (preferred suppliers) whose names appear on the National Treasury's database as a person prohibited from doing business with the public sector, or whose names appear on the Register of Tender Defaulters will be disallowed from being listed on the database.

12.5.2 Updating of the List

- 12.5.2.1 The list of accredited prospective providers shall be updated at least quarterly to include additional prospective providers and any new commodities or types of services.
- 12.5.2.2 Prospective providers shall, however, be allowed to submit applications for listing at any time.
- 12.5.2.3 The CM or delegate shall prevent the listing of any prospective provider whose name appears on the National Treasury's database as person prohibited from doing business with the public sector.
- 12.5.2.4 A provider that did not qualify for placement on the list during the first round, may re-apply to be included in the list of accredited prospective providers if their status should change and it is proven that they will conform to the listing requirements.
- 12.5.2.5 Prospective providers may provide their details on a continuous basis for consideration by completing the application form, but they will only be considered for placement on the list on a quarterly basis, with effect from each following next quarter.

12.6 UTILISATION PROCEDURE

- 1261 For the various quotation thresholds, COE shall invite accredited prospective providers (preferred suppliers), featured on the list of accredited prospective providers (in the relevant commodity, category and regions/areas), to submit a quote.
- 1262 The CM or delegate shall ensure that prospective providers submit a valid tax clearance certificate for all quotations above R 15 000.00 (Inclusive of all applicable taxes).
- 1263 The invitation of price quotations from the provider list (preferred suppliers) shall be done in such a manner that on-going competition amongst providers is promoted and the rotation principle shall be followed where there are sufficient suppliers listed on the database.

12.7 REMOVAL FROM THE LIST OF ACCREDITED PROSPECTIVE PROVIDERS (PREFERRED SUPPLIERS)

- 12.7.1 Accredited prospective providers may be removed from the list in the following instances:
 - 12.7.1.1 on request,
 - 12.7.1.2 for non-compliance with relevant legislation,
 - 12.7.1.3 proven non-delivery or
 - 12.7.1.4 proven fraud and/or corruption.

SECTION 13 ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT: SYSTEM AND PROCESS HIERARCHY

13.1 SYSTEM OF ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT

- 13.1.1 Goods and services shall only be procured in accordance with authorised procurement processes.
- 13.1.2 Procurement of goods and services, either through quotations or through a bidding process, shall be within the threshold values as determined by National Treasury.
- 13.1.3 The CM shall not increase the different threshold values as determined by National Treasury, but may lower it.
- 13.1.4 Expenditure on goods and services may only be incurred in terms of an approved budget and within the limits of the amounts appropriated for the different votes in an approved budget.

13.2 HIERARCHY FOR SATISFYING REQUIREMENTS

- 13.2.1 When a requirement becomes known, the noted hierarchy for satisfying requirements shall apply starting first with the hierarchy of processes of obtaining stock from internal sources and then only applying the hierarchy of processes of satisfying requirements from external sources.

13.3 OBTAIN THE REQUIREMENTS FROM PRE-ESTABLISHED SOURCES

- 13.3.1 There are a number of pre-established sources that may be considered:
 - 13.3.1.1 Items in stock
 - 13.3.1.2 Items on pre-established COE contract
 - 13.3.1.3 List of redundant, obsolete materials and supplies
 - 13.3.1.4 Sourcing from other organs of state
 - 13.3.1.5 Procurement of goods and services under contracts secured by other organs of state

13.4 DIRECTIVES FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF REQUIREMENTS

- 13.4.1 The specific rules guiding specific circumstances and products shall also be taken into account together with the hierarchies in the choice of processes.

13.5 PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (PPP's)

- 13.5.1 A PPP as a contract between a public sector institution/municipality and a private party, in which the private party assumes substantial financial, technical and operational risk in the design, financing, building and operation of a project
 - 13.5.1.1 Two types of PPPs are specifically defined:
 - 13.5.1.1.1 Where the private party performs an institutional/municipal function
 - 13.5.1.1.2 Where the private party acquires the use of state/municipal property for its own commercial purposes a PPP may also be a hybrid of these types.
 - 13.5.1.2 Payment in any scenario involves one of three mechanisms
 - 13.5.1.3 The institution/municipality paying the private party for the delivery of the service, or
 - 13.5.1.4 The private party collecting fees or charges from users of the service, or
 - 13.5.1.4.1 A combination of the above.
 - 13.5.1.4.2 COE shall ensure that the Municipal PPP Regulations are complied with when goods or services are procured through public private partnerships or as part of a public private partnership.

13.6 BUILDING, ENGINEERING OR CONSTRUCTION WORKS

- 13.6.1 COE shall apply the Construction Industry Development Board Act, Regulations and standards and instruction notes in respect of building, engineering or construction works projects of the municipality.
 - 13.6.1.1 COE shall apply the CIDB's register of contractors to its procurement process.
 - 13.6.1.2 Contractor shall not be allowed to undertake, carry out or complete any construction works or portion thereof for COE contracts, awarded in terms of competitive bids or quotations, unless he or she is registered with the CIDB and holds a valid registration certificate issued by the Board.
 - 13.6.1.3 All construction contracts above the prescribed tender value of R 200 000 (incl. VAT) shall be submitted to the CIDB for recording in the CIDB Contract Register.
 - 13.6.1.4 Part IV of the CIDB regulations prescribe the requirements referred to in section 16 and Part III prescribes the requirements listed in section 22 of the Act. These shall be adhered to by COE in applicable projects
 - 13.6.1.5 When COE is soliciting competitive bids in the construction industry it shall publish that invitation to bid on the official CIDB website, in accordance with:
 - 13.6.1.6 The Municipal SCM Regulations of 2005; and the latest approved CIDB Standard for Uniformity in Construction Procurement.
 - 13.6.1.7 The CIDB Best Practice guidelines and instruction notes shall be followed in planning and executing construction projects.
 - 13.6.1.7.1 MSCM Regulation 21(a)(iii) prescribes that COE must take into account the requirements of the CIDB in the case of bid documentation relating to construction, upgrading or refurbishment of buildings or infrastructure.
- 13.6.2 Review of Major Construction Projects
 - 13.6.2.1 The CIDB Infrastructure Gateway System (IGS) should be used to determine whether to proceed to the next stage of implementation.

13.6.2.2 The key focus of the review is to determine:

- ☐ Deliverability – the extent to which the project is likely to deliver the expected benefits within the declared cost/time/performance
- ☐ Affordability – the extent to which the level of expenditure and financial risk involved in a project can be taken up on, given the organisation's overall financial position
- ☐ Value for money – the optimum combination of whole life costs and quality to meet the user's requirements.

13.6.2.3 Furthermore for engineering and construction works contracts, risk management may necessitate the:

- ☐ Identification of preventative measures to avoid or reduce its effects
- ☐ Proceeding with a project on a stage-by-stage basis whilst initiating further investigation to reduce uncertainty through better information
- ☐ Consideration of risk transfer in contracting and pricing strategies, with attention to the motivational effects, and the control of risk allocation
- ☐ Consideration of risk transfer to insurers
- ☐ Setting and management of risk allowance in cost estimation, programmes and specifications, and
- ☐ Establishment of contingency plans to deal with risks, should they occur.

13.6.3 PROCUREMENT OF BANKING SERVICES

13.6.3.1 MSCM Regulation 30 states that:

- (1) A contract for the provision of banking services to a municipality or municipal entity -
 - (a) must be procured through competitive bids;
 - (b) must be consistent with sections 7 or 85 of the Act; and
 - (c) may not be for a period of more than five years at a time.
- (2) The process for procuring a contract for banking services must commence at least nine months before the end of an existing contract.
- (3) The closure date for the submission of bids may not be less than 60 days from the date on which the advertisement is placed in a newspaper in terms of regulation 22(1). Bids must be restricted to banks registered in terms of the Banks Act, 1990 (Act No, 94 of 1990).

13.6.4 PROCUREMENT OF GOODS NECESSITATING SPECIAL SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS

13.6.4.1 MSCM Regulation 33 states that:

- (1) A supply chain management policy must restrict the acquisition and storage of goods in bulk (other than water) which necessitates special safety arrangements, including gases and fuel.
- (2) Where the storage of goods in bulk is justified, such justification must be based on sound reasons, including the total cost of ownership and cost advantages for the municipality or municipal entity.

13.6.5 PROUDLY SA CAMPAIGN

- 13.6.5.1 MSCM Regulation 34 states that a supply chain management policy must stipulate to what extent the municipality or municipal entity supports the Proudly SA Campaign.
- 13.6.5.2 COE shall ensure that it supports the above campaign in all its procurement activities and as far as possible goods, works or services shall be procured locally.

13.6.6 APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS

- 13.6.6.1 COE shall apply the National Treasury's instructions in respect of the appointment of consultants in so far as they apply to consultancy procurement.

13.6.7 DISPOSALS AND RENTALS OR LEASES

- 13.6.7.1 Bids in these categories are dealt with in the same manner as other bids with the exception that since revenue is applicable; the objective is to receive the highest bidding price.
- 13.6.7.2 It is however at the discretion of the municipality to include black economic empowerment condition on the procurement.

13.6.8 LONG TERM CONTRACTS

- 13.6.8.1 In order to improve efficiencies, COE may in certain circumstances, enter into term contracts with a duration period exceeding one year.
- 13.6.8.2 Section 33 of the MFMA shall be complied with for all bids that will impose financial obligations on the municipality beyond the three years covered in the annual budget for that financial year.

13.7 PROCURE REQUIREMENTS FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES

13.7.1 RANGE OF PROCURMENT PROCESSES: MONETARY THRESHOLDS

- 13.7.1.1 The monetary thresholds (all applicable taxes included), are as follows:
 - 13.7.1.1.1 Petty cash transactions up to a monetary value of R 2 000.00 (all applicable taxes included).
 - 13.7.1.1.2 Written quotations above R2 000 and up to R30 000 (all applicable taxes included).
 - 13.7.1.1.3 Formal written price quotations above R30 000 and up to R200 000 (all applicable taxes included).
 - 13.7.1.1.4 Competitive bidding processes for:
 - 13.7.1.1.5 Procurement above a transaction value of R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included), and.
 - 13.7.1.1.6 The procurement of long term contracts.
 - 13.7.1.1.7 The CM may lower, but not increase the above thresholds and may direct that: Written quotations be obtained for any specific procurement of a transaction value lower than R 2 000 (all applicable taxes included)

- 13.7.1.1.8 Formal written quotations be obtained for any specific procurement of a transaction value lower than R 30 000 (all applicable taxes included)
- 13.7.1.1.9 A competitive bidding process be followed for any specific procurement of a transaction value lower than R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included).

13.8 REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL CONTENT

- 13.8.1 The COE shall invite, evaluate and award bids for the promotion of local production and content for the designated sectors in accordance with National Treasury's directives.
- 13.8.2 Section 4.3 of this policy shall be taken into account when local content matters are under consideration.

13.9 REQUIREMENTS NOT AVAILABLE FROM A LOCAL SUPPLIER (PROCUREMENT FROM ABROAD)

- 13.9.1 Should a requirement not be available from a local supplier within South Africa, international sourcing may be considered.
- 13.9.2 Services provided only by tertiary institutions can be procured through bidding process. Such institution will be required to submit their B-BBEE status.

13.10 DEVIATION FROM OFFICIAL PROCUREMENT PROCESSES

- 13.10.1 In terms of MSCM Regulation 36(1), the CM may dispense with the official procurement processes established by the policy to procure any required goods or services through any convenient process, which may include direct negotiations, but only:
 - 13.10.1.1 For emergency procurement.
 - 13.10.1.2 If such goods and services are produced or available from a single provider only.
 - 13.10.1.3 For the acquisition of special works of art or historical objects where specifications are difficult to compile
 - 13.10.1.4 Acquisition of animals for zoos, or
 - 13.10.1.5 In any other exceptional case where it is impractical or impossible to follow the official procurement processes. The following will be considered under 13.10.1.5 these is not exhaustive list
 - (i) Subscription, includes newspapers on condition they are not acquired through an agent.
 - (ii) Licence software on condition that the original asset was acquired through competitive bidding.
 - (iii) Accommodation include workshops, conferences and lekgotla. Source minimum three quotations directly from the venue not through an agents.
 - (iv) Maintenance for fleets must be part of the original acquisition of the vehicle on condition that the original vehicle was acquired through competitive bidding.
 - (v) Direct advertisement with media houses, on condition that there is no agents. In case of agents follow applicable competitive bidding.
 - (vi) Art work, artists, condition that there is a rotation process

- 13.10.2 The CM may ratify any minor breaches of the procurement processes by an official or a committee acting in terms of delegated powers or duties which are purely of a technical nature.
- 13.10.3 The CM shall record the reasons for any deviations in terms of sub-regulation 36 (1)(a) and (b) and report them to the next meeting of Council and include it as a note in the financial statements.
- 13.10.4 COE may procure the items listed below via a single source route:
 - 13.10.4.1 Library books and magazines may be procured directly from the publisher
 - 13.10.4.2 Newspaper advertisements may be placed directly with the publishing media and not via agents.
- 13.10.5 Sub-regulation 36(2) does not apply to the procurement of goods and services contemplated in Regulation 11(2).

SECTION 14 ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT: RANGE OF PROCUREMENT PROCESSES AND THRESHOLDS EXCLUDING CONSULTANTS

14.1 PETTY CASH TRANSACTIONS UP TO R2 000 (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- 14.1.1 In accordance with the petty cash policy, COE may procure supplies without inviting price quotations or bids up to a transaction value of R2000 (all applicable taxes included).
- 14.1.2 COE shall ensure that a petty cash policy and procedures are in place.

14.2 WRITTEN QUOTATIONS ABOVE R 2 000 AND UP TO R30 000 (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- 14.2.1 At least 3 written quotations shall be obtained, where applicable, preferably from, but not limited to, providers whose names appear on the list of accredited prospective providers in the correct category, provided that if quotations are obtained from providers not on the list, such providers shall meet the listing criteria required in MSCM Regulation 14(1)(b) and (c).
- 14.2.2 The invitation of written quotations from the provider list (preferred suppliers) shall be done in such a manner that on-going competition amongst providers is promoted and the rotation principle shall be followed where there are sufficient suppliers listed on the database.
- 14.2.3 If it is not possible to obtain at least written three quotations, the reasons shall be recorded and reported quarterly to the CM or to another official designated by the CM.
- 14.2.4 The CM or delegate shall record the names of the potential providers requested to provide such quotations with their quoted prices.
- 14.2.5 An order may be placed only against written confirmation from the selected provider.
- 14.2.6 The delegated official, in conjunction with SCM, shall ensure that all quotation documentation, quotations received from bidders, approvals, letters of award and any other related relevant documentation are maintained in a standardised filing system for proper record keeping purposes.
- 14.2.7 The CM shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the procurement of goods and services is not abused.

14.3 FORMAL WRITTEN PRICE QUOTATIONS ABOVE R30 000 UP TO R200 000 (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- 14.3.1 Requirements may be procured by inviting formal written price quotations from as many at least three (3) different providers whose names appear on the list of accredited prospective providers of the municipality.
- 14.3.2 The request for quotations shall indicate the closing date and time, the address where it shall be submitted, the validity period and the address where the supplies shall be delivered or the services shall be rendered. The request for quotations shall contain a sufficiently detailed specification. It may also include special conditions of contract if required over and above the normal conditions.
- 14.3.3 The invitation of formal written quotations from the provider list (preferred suppliers) shall be done in such a manner that on-going competition amongst providers is promoted and the rotation principle shall be followed where there are sufficient suppliers listed on the database.
- 14.3.4 Where no suitable accredited providers are available from the list, quotations may be obtained from other possible providers not on the list, provided that such providers meet the provider listing criteria.
- 14.3.5 If it is not possible to receive at least 3 quotations, the reasons shall be recorded and approved by the CFO or delegate.
- 14.3.6 The CM or delegate shall record the names of the potential providers requested to provide such quotations with their quoted prices.
- 14.3.7 The prescripts of the PPPFA and its Regulations shall be applied to all procurement equal to or above R 30 000 (all applicable taxes included).
- 14.3.8 All procurement in excess of R30 000 and up to R200 000 (all applicable taxes included) that are procured by means of formal written price quotations shall also be advertised for at least seven (7) calendar days on COE's official notice board and on its website, provided that tax clearance certificates shall not apply to procurement up to R 15 000 (all applicable taxes included)
- 14.3.9 A designated/delegated official referred to above shall within three (3) days of the end of each month report to the CFO on any approvals given during that month by that official in terms of that delegation.
- 14.3.10 The CFO shall on a monthly basis be notified in writing of all quotations accepted by an official acting in terms of a sub-delegation.
- 14.3.11 The delegated official, in conjunction with SCM, shall ensure that all quotation documentation, quotations received from bidders, approvals, letters of award and any other related relevant documentation are maintained in a standardised filing system for proper record keeping purposes.

14.4 COMPETITIVE BIDDING: ABOVE R200 000 (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- 14.4.1 Competitive bidding is where open competition exists and the requirement is advertised on a timely basis for all prospective bidders to participate and therefore allowing fair competition.
- 14.4.2 Goods or services above a transaction value of R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included) and long term contracts may be procured by COE, only through a competitive bidding process.
- 14.4.3 Any invitation to prospective providers to submit bids shall be by means of a public advertisement in newspapers commonly circulating locally, the website of COE or any other appropriate medium, e.g. COE notice boards, and may include an advertisement in the Government Tender Bulletin.
- 14.4.4 No requirement for goods or services above an estimated transaction value of R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included)), may deliberately be split into parts or items of lesser value merely for the sake of procuring the goods or services otherwise than through a competitive bidding process.
- 14.4.5 Competitive bidding also includes two-stage bidding, pre-qualifying bidders and the establishment of a list of approved providers.
- 14.4.6 ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIST OF APPROVED PROVIDERS
 - 14.4.6.1 Where goods or services of a specialised nature are required on a recurring basis, a list of approved providers for the supply of the goods or services may be established through the competitive bidding process.
 - 14.4.6.2 The intention to establish a list of approved providers shall be published in a local newspaper and on the website of COE and if so decided; the Government Tender Bulletin and the closing time and date for inclusion in the list of approved providers shall be indicated.
 - 14.4.6.3 Once the list of providers has been approved by the relevant award structure, only the successful applicants shall be directly approached, depending on the circumstances, either by requesting quotations (procurement below R200 000) on a rotation basis or according to the limited bidding procedure when goods or services are required, with the exception that the requirement is not advertised again. All other generic regulatory criteria shall be used in evaluation.
 - 14.4.6.4 This list of approved providers shall be updated regularly, at least once a year.

14.5 DIRECT NEGOTIATION

- 14.5.1 Direct negotiations shall only be permitted after approval by the CM or the delegate and shall be conducted in such a manner that none of the stakeholders are advantaged or prejudiced.
- 14.5.2 Care shall be taken to ensure that such a process does not allow the bidder concerned a second (unfair) opportunity and is not to the detriment of any other bidder.
- 14.5.3 Direct negotiation must not lead to higher pricing than the bid as submitted
- 14.5.4 Minutes of such negotiations shall be kept for record purposes
- 14.5.5 Direct negotiations may only take place under the following circumstances:
 - ☐ Owing to a catastrophic event, there is an urgent need for the goods or services (an emergency), making it impractical to use other methods of procurement because of the time involved in using those methods. Proceeding with a project on a stage-by-stage basis whilst initiating further investigation to reduce uncertainty through better information
 - ☐ In cases where preferred bidders were identified as preferred bidders through a competitive bidding process. Preferred bidders are shortlisted for specific services where urgent/emergency procurement could be required. Consideration of risk transfer to insurers
 - ☐ In the case of competitive negotiation because of the technical character of the goods or construction, or because of the nature of the services, it is necessary for the procuring entity to negotiate with suppliers or service providers. Thus in the aforementioned case the first round of a two-stage bidding process has taken place where inter alia capacity and acceptability was established.

14.6 PROCUREMENT FROM ABROAD

- 14.6.1 COE may procure from abroad if it can be certified in writing by the requestor and SCM that:
- 14.6.2 The product/service cannot be sourced locally or through local representatives and that no other similar product will serve the purpose.
- 14.6.3 That a local sourcing process has been run without any success, by obtaining approval from the CM or delegate.
- 14.6.4 The prices of the locally available supply/service are exorbitant.
- 14.6.5 The certification must follow a rigorous process
- 14.6.6 COE must not take excessive currency position where possible

14.7 PROCUREMENT IN RESPECT OF GRANTS FROM DONORS

- 14.7.1 The COE shall utilise funds in accordance with donors' procurement procedures in cases where technical assistance agreement prescribes them to do procurement according to the donors' procedures.
- 14.7.2 The COE shall adhere to the prescripts of the PPPFA and its regulations where donors do not require them to do procurement according to donors' procedures.
- 14.7.3 The COE shall adhere to the prescripts of the PPPFA and its regulations where projects are partially financed from donor funds and in accordance with a technical assistance agreement.

14.8 TERM CONTRACTS

- 14.8.1 A term contract is a contract entered into for the supply of goods, the rendering of services or the disposal of movable assets over a specified period of time for the minimum period of one year. This is regarded as a good sourcing strategy in relevant circumstances to improve efficiencies. Refer to section 22, paragraph 16 of this policy on contract management.
- 14.8.2 A period of time for completion of the contract shall always be prescribed in the relevant bid documents.
- 14.8.3 COE may enter into specific term contracts, which are arranged for specific repetitive requirements.

14.9 TWO-STAGE BIDDING PROCESS

- 14.9.1 A two-stage bidding process may be followed for -
 - 14.9.1.1 large complex projects;
 - 14.9.1.2 projects where it may be undesirable to prepare complete detailed technical specifications; or
 - 14.9.1.3 long term projects with a duration period exceeding three years.
- 14.9.2 In the first stage technical proposals on conceptual design or performance specifications should be invited, subject to technical as well as commercial clarifications and adjustments.
- 14.9.3 In the second stage final technical proposals and priced bids should be invited.

SECTION 15 ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT: RANGE OF PROCUREMENT PROCESSES AND THRESHOLDS: APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS

15.1 INTRODUCTION

- 15.1.1 The normal policy and procedures apply to the appointment of consultants.
- 15.1.2 The CM may, in terms of MSCM Regulation 35(1), procure consulting services provided that any Treasury Guidelines in respect of consulting services are taken into account when such procurements are made.
- 15.1.3 The provision of consultancy services shall be procured through competitive bidding if:
 - 15.1.3.1 The value exceeds R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included)
 - 15.1.3.2 The duration exceeds one year.
- 15.1.4 Bidder must furnish the municipality with particulars of:
 - 15.1.4.1 All consultancy services provided to an organ of state in the last five years
 - 15.1.4.2 Any similar consultancy services provided to an organ of state in the last five years.
- 15.1.5 The CM or delegate shall ensure that copyright in any document produced, and the patent rights or ownership in any plant, machinery, thing, system or process designed or devised, by a consultant in the course of the consultancy service is vested in COE.

15.2 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS WHEN APPOINTING CONSULTANTS

- 15.2.1 When appointing consultants, it is necessary to strive to satisfy the following minimum requirements:
- 15.2.2 Meeting the highest standards of quality and efficiency.
- 15.2.3 Obtaining advice that is unbiased, that is, being delivered by a consultant acting independently from any affiliation, economic or otherwise, which may cause conflicts between the consultant's interests and those of government.
- 15.2.4 Ensuring the advice proposed, or assignment executed, meets the ethical principles of the consultancy professions.

15.3 GENERAL APPROACH

- 15.3.1 The CM or the delegate should be responsible for preparing and implementing the project, for selecting the consultant, awarding and subsequently administering the contract. While the specific rules and procedures to be followed for selecting consultants depend on the circumstances of the particular case, at least the following four major considerations should guide the CM or delegate in the selection process:
- 15.3.1.1 The need for high-quality services.
 - 15.3.1.2 The need for economy and efficiency.
 - 15.3.1.3 The need to give qualified consultants an opportunity to compete in providing the services.
 - 15.3.1.4 The importance of transparency in the selection process.
- 15.3.2 In the majority of cases, these considerations can best be addressed through competition among firms in which the selection is based both on the quality of the services to be rendered and on the cost of the services to be provided (Quality- and Cost-Based Selection [QCBS]) as described below. However, there are cases when QCBS is not the most appropriate method of selection. For complex or highly specialised assignments or those that invite innovations, selection based on the quality of the proposal alone (Quality-Based Selection [QBS]), would be more appropriate.
- 15.3.3 The method of selection is determined by the scope of the assignment, the quality of the service, the complexity of the assignment and whether assignments are of a standard or routine nature. Other methods of selection and the circumstances in which they are appropriate are outlined below.
- 15.3.4 When appropriate, COE may include under the special conditions of contract, the following or similar condition:
- “A service provider may not recruit or shall not attempt to recruit an employee of the principal for purposes of preparation of the bid or for the duration of the execution of this contract or any part thereof”.
- 15.3.5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST
- 15.3.5.1 Consultants are required to provide professional, objective and impartial advice and at all times hold the client’s interests paramount, without any consideration for future work and strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own corporate interests. Consultants should not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of not being able to carry out the assignment in the best interest of COE or the State. Without limitation on the generality of this rule, consultants should not be hired under the following circumstances:

- 15.3.5.1.1 A firm, which has been engaged by COE to provide goods or works for a project and any of its affiliates, should be disqualified from providing consulting services for the same project. Similarly, a firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation or implementation of a project and any of its affiliates, should be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or services related to the initial assignment (other than a continuation of the firm's earlier consulting services as described below) for the same project, unless the various firms (consultants, contractors, or suppliers) are performing the contractor's obligations under a turnkey or design-and-build contract.
- 15.3.5.1.2 Consultants or any of their affiliates should not be hired for any assignment, which by its nature, may be in conflict with another assignment of the consultants. As an example, consultants assisting a client in the privatisation or set-up of public assets should not purchase, nor advise purchasers of such assets or become part of the set-up.

SECTION 16 ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT: QUOTATION/BID COMPILED AND ISSUED

16.1 LANGUAGE OF QUOTATION/BID DOCUMENTS

COE shall compile all documentation in English.

16.2 CALLING FOR BIDS

- 16.21 Bids shall be invited by the SCM directorate unless other groups have been delegated to do so.

16.3 ADVERTISING OF BIDS

- 16.31 To ensure exposure to potential bidders, bids must be advertised in a commonly circulated newspaper in the municipal area of jurisdiction, the COE website, eTender Publication Portal, an official COE notice board or in any other appropriate way. Bids may also be advertised in the Government Tender Bulletin if deemed appropriate by the CM or delegate.
- 16.32 The prescripts of the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), require that bids relating to the construction industry be advertised on the CIDB iTender System.
- 16.33 All requirements in excess of R 30 000 (all applicable taxes included) that are to be procured by means of formal written price quotations, shall be advertised for at least seven (7) days on the COE website and on an official COE notice board.
- 16.34 Other relevant media may be considered to ensure that the target market is reached, if the local newspapers and the COE website are regarded as not sufficient to reach the target market. Cost shall be a consideration.
- 16.35 The information of a public advertisement shall contain:
- 16.3.5.1 The closing date for the submission of bids, which may not be less than 30 days in the case of transactions over R 10 million (all applicable taxes included), or which are of a long term nature, or 14 days in any other case, from the date on which the advertisement is placed in the media
- 16.3.5.2 A statement that bids may only be submitted on the bid documentation provided by the municipality.
- 16.3.5 The CM or delegate may determine a closing date for the submission of bids which is less than the 30 or 14 days requirements, but only if such shorter period can be justified on the grounds of urgency or emergency or any exceptional case where it is impractical or impossible to follow the official procurement process.
- 16.3.6 Bids submitted shall be sealed. Where bids are requested in electronic format, such bids shall be supplemented by sealed hard copies.

16.4 CLOSING TIME OF BIDS

- 16.4.1 According to the GCC closing time means the latest date and hour specified in the bid documents for the receipt of bids.
- 16.4.2 Bids of COE normally close at 10:00 on the day indicated in the bid documents or as alternatively indicated in the documentation.
- 16.4.3 The closing of bids shall be strictly observed.

16.5 DETERMINING THE CLOSING PERIOD

- 16.5.1 Normal closing period from the date on which the advertisement is placed in the relevant publications, is not less than:
 - 16.5.1.1 30 days in the case of transactions over R10 million (all applicable taxes included) or in the case of transactions of a long term nature.
 - 16.5.1.2 14 days in any other case.
 - 16.5.1.3 As a minimum requirement, where goods are to be imported, bids will close at least 6 weeks from the date of the publication.
 - 16.5.1.4 The CM or delegate may determine a shorter than specified closing date, but only if such shortened period can be justified on the grounds of emergency or any exceptional case where it is impractical or impossible to follow the official procurement process.
 - 16.5.1.5 Approval for the shortening or lengthening of the closing period shall be obtained in accordance with the CM's delegated powers. Reasons for the deviation shall be documented and fully motivated.
 - 16.5.1.6 The principle of allowing bidders sufficient time to prepare comprehensive bids shall be observed.
 - 16.5.1.7 Where a shorter period is involved, care shall be taken that a reasonable time is allowed for the preparation of the bidder's offer.
 - 16.5.1.8 A longer closing period may be necessary where a product is to be imported or a complex response is required from bidders. Where complex supply contracts, particularly those requiring refurbishing of existing works, items or equipment are involved, this period should generally not be less than eight weeks to enable bidders to conduct investigations before submitting their bids. In such cases, pre-bid information meetings for the bidders to seek clarifications and site visits may be necessary. COE should provide reasonable access to project sites for such visits.

16.6 DETERMINING THE VALIDITY PERIOD

- 16.6.1 The validity period specified in the quote/bid documentation shall allow COE sufficient time to finalise the evaluation and award of the quotation/bid.
- 16.6.2 The validity period shall be determined before the quote/bid is published and shall be clearly specified in the bid documentation.
- 16.6.3 Generally validity periods shall be reasonable and shall depend on the item or commodity being procured.

- 16.6.4 Alternatively, quotes shall be valid for at least 21 calendar days and bids shall be valid for at least 90 calendar days from the closing date of the quote/bid. A longer period may be set for bids, if problems with the evaluation are envisioned, but preferably not longer than 120 calendar days. Approval is to be obtained within the CM's delegated powers for periods shorter than 21 or 90 calendar days for quotes and bids respectively.
- 16.6.5 SCM shall ensure that an extension of validity is requested in writing from all bidders before the validity expiry date.
- 16.6.6 The failure of SCM to ensure that the validity of quotes/bids still under evaluation is extended before validity expiry shall amount to negligence on the part of the SCM practitioner and SCM acquisition manager dealing with the quote/bid.

16.7 AVAILABILITY OF BID DOCUMENTS

- 16.7.1 Bid documents shall be ready and available before the requirement is advertised.
- 16.7.2 Bid documents may be collected by or may be e-mailed or posted to prospective bidders or be downloaded from CoE website.

16.8 SALE OF BID DOCUMENTS

- 16.8.1 COE shall determine under which circumstances it shall sell its bid documents.
- 16.8.2 All suppliers shall in the relevant circumstances, pay a non-refundable pre- determined sum of money for all bid documents. This sum shall be determined within a predetermined accountable framework. COE has resolved to charge a fee for bid documents.

16.9 RESPONSES RECEIVED

- 16.9.1 COE shall maintain a register/list of responses to the advertisement or the individuals/organisations targeted in the case of quotations.
- 16.9.2 The response list shall contain the following information:
- 16.9.2.1 Bid number.
 - 16.9.2.2 Name of the bidder to whom documents were issued to.
 - 16.9.2.3 Name of the person/organisation that collected the bid on behalf of the bidder.
 - 16.9.2.4 Name of the person/organisation on whose behalf the document is collected, the phone number, the fax number and contact person of the prospective bidder.
 - 16.9.2.5 The date and time the document was collected or the date the document was posted/e-mailed.
- 16.9.3 The same particulars as mentioned above, where applicable, shall also be collected where bid documents are requested by phone.

16.10 ELEMENTS FOR INCLUSION IN BID DOCUMENTS

- 16.10.1 COE shall promote uniformity by standardising bid documents where possible.
- 16.10.2 Bid documentation including the general conditions of bid and contract, shall at least be in accordance with the instructions of National Treasury.
- 16.10.3 Bidders shall all receive the same information in documentation and should be assured of an equal opportunity to obtain additional information on a timely basis to ensure fairness.
- 16.10.4 Where feasible, large requirements may be divided into smaller more manageable requirements to accommodate EMEs.
- 16.10.5 Where feasible, promote subcontracting and joint ventures with EMEs.
- 16.10.6 Bid documentation shall include evaluation and adjudication criteria, including the criteria prescribed in the PPPFA and the BBBEE Act.
- 16.10.7 The CM shall establish the criteria to which bid documentation for a competitive bidding process shall comply.
- 16.10.8 QUOTATION/BID DOCUMENTATION PACK
 - 16.10.8.1 The quotation/bid documentation pack shall consist of the following:
 - 16.10.8.2 Covering letter, which should at least include the bid number, description of the requirement, name of the organisation by whom it is required and the closing date and time.
 - 16.10.8.3 Standard bid documents that include, but are not limited to the following:
 - ☐ Invitation to Bid, which is the bidders' consent if signed to enter into a contract under the conditions specified in the bid documents, should the offer be accepted.
 - ☐ Tax Clearance requirements.
 - ☐ Relevant pricing schedule.
 - ☐ Declaration of interest.
 - ☐ Declaration of Bidder's Past SCM Practices
 - ☐ Certificate of independent bid determination
 - ☐ Preference point claim form in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2011.
 - ☐ Specification/TOR.
 - ☐ General conditions of contract.
 - ☐ Special contract conditions.
 - ☐ Copy of the formal contract or service level agreement (SLA) where applicable.
 - 16.10.8.3.1 When functionality will be evaluated the following shall be clearly specified in the invitation to quote/bid:
 - ☐ Evaluation criteria for measuring functionality
 - ☐ Weight of each criterion
 - ☐ Applicable values
 - ☐ Minimum qualifying score for functionality.
 - 16.10.8.3.2 In terms of the CIDB standard for uniformity in Construction procurement, the following documentation may be used in engineering and construction works:
 - ☐ General Conditions of Contract for Construction Works (GCC 2004)
 - ☐ Conditions of Contract for Construction, Conditions of Contract for Plant and Design-Build, Conditions of Contract for FIDIC EPC/Turnkey Projects or short Form of Contract.
 - ☐ JBCC series 2000 Principal Building Agreement or Minor Works Agreement
 - ☐ NEC3 Engineering and Construction short Contract or NEC3 Engineering and Construction Contract.

16.11 PRE-BID INFORMATION SESSIONS

- 16.11.1 If an information session is held, minutes of the meeting may be provided to all prospective bidders in the case of non-compulsory session and only to those who attended in the case of compulsory sessions. Any additional information, clarification, correction of errors, or modifications of bid documents should be sent to each recipient of the original bid documents in sufficient time before the closing date and time for receipt of bids to enable bidders to take appropriate actions.

16.12 CHANGING OF INFORMATION BEFORE CLOSING TIME

- 16.12.1 It is preferable to cancel a bidding invitation and to invite fresh bids if conditions or the specification or any other information have to be materially changed before the closing time or if mistakes are discovered in the documents before the closing time.

16.13 POSTPONEMENT OF CLOSING DATE

- 16.13.1 The closing date may be postponed only if all prospective bidders can be advised of the postponed date in writing before the original closing date.
- 16.13.2 In the case of an advertised bid invitation, the closing date may be postponed only if the postponed date can be advertised in the Government Tender Bulletin and other media where applicable, before the original closing date.

SECTION 17 RECEIVING AND OPENING OF RESPONSES

17.1 RECEIVING AND OPENING PROCEDURES FOR QUOTATIONS UP TO R200 000 (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- 17.1.1 A fair and transparent process shall be followed for the closing, receiving, opening and processing of quotations.
- 17.1.2 No person may interfere or tamper with any bids, quotations, or contracts after their submission.
- 17.1.3 WRITTEN QUOTATIONS ABOVE R2 000 UP TO R30 000 (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)
 - 17.1.3.1 Providers shall be requested to submit quotations in writing.
 - 17.1.3.2 The delegated official shall request and receive the quotations.
 - 17.1.3.3 However, the award shall be approved by a different delegated official at a higher post level than the requestor.
- 17.1.4 FORMAL WRITTEN PRICE QUOTATIONS ABOVE R30 000 AND UP TO R200 000 (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)
 - 17.1.4.1 Quotations shall be submitted in writing preferably by hand or per mail.
 - 17.1.4.3 Bid box procedures shall be used.

17.2 RECEIVING AND OPENING OF BIDS ABOVE R200 000 (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- 17.1.1 INTRODUCTION
 - 17.1.1.1 A fair and transparent process shall be followed for the closing, receiving, opening and processing of bids.
 - 17.1.1.2 Bidders shall be allowed to submit bids by mail or by courier or by hand.
 - 17.1.1.3 A bid box shall be visible on the premises of COE and shall be accessible between 08:00 and 16:00 Mondays to Fridays excluding public holidays.
 - 17.1.1.4 Bids may be opened in public.
 - 17.1.1.5 Bids shall be opened at the same time or as soon as possible after the period for the submission of bids has expired.
 - 17.1.1.6 Any bidder or member of the public has the right to request that the names of the bidders who submitted bids before the closing date and time, shall be read out and, if practical, also each bidder's total bidding price.
 - 17.1.1.7 The CM or delegate shall:
 - 17.1.1.7.1 Record in a register all bids received before the closing date and time.
 - 17.1.1.7.2 Make the register available for public inspection.
 - 17.1.1.7.3 Publish the entries in the register and the bid results on the website of COE.
 - 17.1.8 Bids shall be date stamped to indicate the date and time of receipt of bids.
 - 17.1.9 A lockable facility for the storing of bids shall be available. Bids received by post, courier or similar service should be administratively dealt with and immediately be channelled to the physical address where bids are to be received.
 - 17.1.10 Bids received after the closing time at the physical address indicated in the bid document, shall be considered as late and be dealt with accordingly.

17.3 ACCEPTANCE OF QUOTATIONS

- 17.3.1 Written quotations received by facsimile transmitter, telegram, telex, e-mail or similar media may be accepted as valid if received before the closing time.

17.4 ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

- 17.4.1 Bids received by facsimile transmitter, telegram, telex, e-mail or similar media do not meet the requirements and shall be summarily rejected.
- 17.4.2 Only original bid documents, which are submitted in the prescribed manner and where all the essential forms are originally signed in ink before submission, may be accepted as valid.
- 17.4.3 Bidders shall be allowed to submit bids by mail, by courier or by hand into the bid box or at the physical address of COE (reception, over the counter at the SCM directorate as applicable) before the closing time of the bids.
- 17.4.4 All bids will then be kept unopened in safe custody until the closing date and time of the bids.

17.4.5 CONFIDENTIALITY

- 17.4.5.1 After public opening of bids, information relating to the examination, clarification and evaluation of bids and recommendations concerning awards should not be disclosed to bidders or other persons not officially concerned with the process, until the successful bidder is notified of the award.

17.4.6 BIDS RECEIVED LATE

- 17.4.6.1 Bids are late if they are received at the address indicated in the bid documents after closing date and time.
- 17.4.6.2 Bids received late shall not be considered and shall be returned unopened to the bidder. The envelope can only be opened to ascertain the address of the bidder if not stipulated outside.
- 17.4.6.3 Where no bid or no acceptable bid has been received, the requirement has to be re-advertised.

SECTION 18 EVALUATION PROCESS

18.1 GENERAL

- 18.1 All bids duly lodged shall be taken into consideration and evaluated.
- 18.2 COE shall base evaluation solely on an examination of the relevant statutory and/or predetermined evaluation criteria.
- 18.3 Evaluation criteria shall promote the areas of finance (commerce), technical compliance/ability and preferential procurement.
- 18.4 Members involved in the evaluation process shall be honest, fair, impartial, and transparent.
- 18.5 Bid Evaluation Committees should be familiar with and adhere to prescribed legislation, directives and procedures in respect of SCM.
- 18.6 All evaluators/members of Bid Evaluation Committees should be cleared at the level of "CONFIDENTIAL" and should be required to declare their financial interest annually.
- 18.7 No person should interfere with the SCM system of COE; or amend or tamper with any quotation/bid after its receipt.

18.2 COMPLIANCE CHECK PROCEDURES

- 18.2.1 Before actual evaluation the SCM directorate, in conjunction with the relevant user department, shall do a compliance check that the quotation/bid documentation complies with the mandatory conditions and other specific predetermined bid conditions and that all required forms, sureties and information are submitted, completed in full and are legible.

18.3 MANDATORY REASONS FOR REJECTION

- 18.3.1 COE shall not consider a quotation or bid unless the provider who submitted the quotation or bid
 - 18.3.1.1 Has furnished COE with that provider's:
 - 18.3.1.2 Full name
 - 18.3.1.3 Identification number or company or other registration number
 - 18.3.1.4 Tax reference number and VAT registration number, if any.
 - 18.3.1.5 Tax Compliant with Central Supplier Database
 - 18.3.2 Has indicated:
 - 18.3.2.1 Whether he/she is or has been in the service of the state in the past twelve (12) months
 - 18.3.2.2 If the provider is not a natural person, whether any of its Directors, managers, principal shareholders or stakeholder is or has been in the service of the state in the past twelve (12) months
 - 18.3.2.3 Whether a spouse, child or parent of the provider or of a Director, manager, principal shareholder or stakeholder is or has been in the service of the state in the past twelve (12) months.
- 18.3.3 COE shall reject any bid from a bidder:

- 18.3.3.1 If any municipal rate and taxes or municipal service charges owed by that bidder or any of its Directors to COE or to any other municipality or municipal entity are in arrears for more than three (3) months, or
- 18.3.3.2 Who during the last five years has failed to perform satisfactorily on a previous contract with the municipality or with any other organ of state after written notice was given to that bidder that performance was unsatisfactory.
- 18.3.5 COE shall reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors:
 - 18.3.5.1 Has abused the SCM system of COE
 - 18.3.5.2 Has committed any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
 - 18.3.5.3 Has been convicted of fraud or corruption during the past five years
 - 18.3.5.4 Has wilfully neglected, reneged on or failed to comply with any government, municipal or other public sector contract during the past five years.
 - 18.3.5.5 Has been listed in the Register of Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004).
- 18.3.6 Such actions shall be communicated to the National Treasury and the Provincial Treasury.

18.4 SIGNING OF BIDS

- 18.4.1 In order to avoid confusion regarding precisely what shall be signed for a valid bid to ensue, the "Invitation to Bid" or a photocopy thereof, shall be signed in the original in ink by a representative of the bidding entity who is duly authorised to commit the entity to the content of the bid and to bind the bidding entity.
- 18.4.2 Acceptable written proof of such authorisation of the representative by the entity shall be included in the bid document submitted by the entity by the closing date and time.
- 18.4.3 All required declarations shall also be signed in the original to qualify as valid declarations.

18.5 COMPLETENESS OF DOCUMENTATION

- 18.5.1 Normally it should be ascertained whether bids:
 - 18.5.1.1 Have been properly signed
 - 18.5.1.2 Are accompanied by the required securities
 - 18.5.1.3 Are substantially responsive to the bidding documents, and
 - 18.5.1.4 Are otherwise generally in order.
- 18.5.2 If a bid is not substantially responsive, that is, it contains material deviations from or reservations to the terms, conditions and specifications in the bidding documents, it should not be considered further.
- 18.5.3 The bidder should not be permitted to correct or withdraw material deviations or reservations once bids have been opened.

18.6 CLARIFICATION OR ALTERATIONS OF BIDS

- 18.6.1 Bidders shall not be requested or permitted to alter their bids after the deadline for receipt of bids.
- 18.6.2 The CM shall only allow questions be asked to bidders for clarification needed to evaluate their bids but should not ask or permit bidders to change the substance or price of their bids, after bid opening.
- 18.6.3 Requests for clarification from COE and the bidder's responses shall be made in writing.

18.7 TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES (TCC's)

- 18.7.1 In order to comply with the new TCS system and the condition of bids that a successful bidder's tax matters must be in order, Accounting Officers should:
 - 18.7.1.1 Designate officials, preferably from the supply chain management unit, whose function will be to verify the tax compliance status of a taxpayer and to manage the TCS system on the SARS website and have the functionality to verify the tax compliance status of a taxpayer on the SARS' e-Filing system. Guidance to the Tax Compliance functionality on eFiling is available on the SARS website www.sars.gov.za.
 - 18.7.1.2 As a bid condition, request bidders to register on government's Central Supplier Database (CSD) and include in their quotations or bids, their Master Registration Number or tax compliance status PIN to enable the municipality to verify the bidder's tax compliance status.
 - 18.7.1.3 Utilise the Master Registration Number or tax compliance status PIN to verify bidders' tax compliance status.
 - 18.7.1.4 Print the tax compliance status screen view or letter with the result of the bidder's status at the date and time of verification to file with the bidder's bid documents for audit purposes.
- 18.7.2 The CSD and tax compliance status PIN are the approved methods to be used to prove tax compliance as the SARS no longer issues Tax Clearance Certificates but has made provision online, via e-Filing, for bidders to print their own Tax Clearance Certificates which they can submit with their bids or price quotations.
- 18.7.3 Accounting Officers may therefore, accept printed or copies of Tax Clearance Certificates submitted by bidders and verify them on e-Filing. The verification result should be filed for audit purposes.
- 18.7.4 Where a supplier does not submit a tax compliance status PIN but provides a CSD number, the accounting officer should utilise the CSD number via its website www.csd.gov.za to access the supplier records and verify tax compliance status. A printed screen view at the time of verification should then be attached to the supplier's records for audit purposes.

- 18.7.5 Where goods and services are procured from foreign suppliers with tax obligations in South Africa, proof of tax compliance status should be obtained from the supplier.
- 18.7.6 Foreign suppliers with neither South African tax obligations nor history of doing business in South Africa should complete a pre-award questionnaire on the MBD 1 for their tax obligation categorisation. Where a recommendation for award of a bid has been made to a bidder who is a foreign supplier and who completed the pre-award questionnaire on the MBD 1, the Accounting Officer must submit a copy of the completed MBD 1 received from the bidder to SARS on the following email address: GovernmentInstitute@sars.gov.za. SARS will issue a letter to the procuring entity confirming whether or not the foreign supplier has tax obligations in South Africa.
- 18.7.7 Where goods and services are procured from foreign suppliers with no tax obligation in South Africa, there is no need to request proof of tax compliance status.
- 18.7.8 Where goods and services are imported, all custom related taxes shall be applied as prescribed by SARS.
- 18.7.9 It is recommended that municipalities and municipal entities discontinue using MBD 2 as there is no longer a use for it within the current tax compliance system.
- 18.7.10 If the COE is in possession of a provider's original, valid Tax Clearance Certificate, it is not necessary to obtain a new Tax Clearance Certificate each time a price quotation or bid is submitted from that specific provider. This provision may be applied only if the closing date of the price quotation or bid falls within the expiry date of the Tax Clearance Certificate that is in the COE's possession. Whenever this ruling is applied, cross-reference shall be made to the original, valid Tax Clearance Certificate for audit purposes.
- 18.7.11 Prior to the award of a bid, the COE should verify the Tax Clearance Certificate submitted by a potential contractor at any SARS branch office nationwide. SARS will confirm such verification by electronic mail or per facsimile. Records of all verifications should be kept for audit purposes.
- 18.7.12 Tax clearance certificates shall be valid at the time of closing of bid. In terms of good governance, COE shall verify validity of the TCC for the duration of doing business with a contractor.

18.8 SUBMISSION AND SIGNING OF DECLARATIONS OR CERTIFICATES

- 18.8.1 In all cases where the relevant preference claim form has to be submitted and a provider had the intention to claim as evidenced by the fact that he did fill in the preference form or gave other indications of wishing to claim preference, the bidder shall be allowed to complete and/or sign the declaration.
- 18.8.2 Recommendations with regard to such matters shall be submitted to the relevant evaluation authority and award structure.

18.9 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 18.9.1 A form for the declaration of a provider's position and interest vis-à-vis the evaluating structure, shall be included with the quotation/bid documents.
- 18.9.2 An official who is involved in the evaluation and recommendation process, or who is in any way involved with the procurement process, shall also certify, as part of the recommendation that he/she complies with The Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act.
- 18.9.3 All officials who can influence the award of a quotation/bid, are seen as officials who are involved in the recommendation process.
- 18.9.4 The register of attendance or disclaimer for the members of the Bid Evaluation Committee and the Bid Adjudication Committee shall contain the following:
 - 18.9.4.1 "I declare that I did not purposefully unlawfully favour or prejudice anyone in the decision making process in the recommendation and award of the quotation/bid."
- 18.9.5 All officials who are involved in the decision making process shall sign a similar declaration.

18.10 PROVIDERS' OWN CONDITIONS

- 18.10.1 The conditions as contained in the quotation/bid documents, have precedence. All providers shall accept these conditions. However, it sometimes happens that providers set their own conditions, which might be in conflict with the quotation/bid conditions. Such own conditions set by providers can be recommended for acceptance where it is in the interest of the COE to do so and where the interests of other providers are not prejudiced.
- 18.10.2 Where the providers' own conditions are not in the best interest of the COE, the provider shall be requested to withdraw the conditions.
- 18.10.3 If providers are not prepared to withdraw unacceptable or conflicting conditions, reasons why such conditions may be accepted should be submitted to the relevant award structure for approval or alternatively the quotation/bid may be passed over.
- 18.10.4 Declarations by providers regarding interests and past SCM practices shall be considered for materiality and a decision taken on whether to accept the provider's application or not.

18.11 CALCULATION OF SCORES

- 18.11.1 Calculation of scores for equity and price shall be done in line with the PPPFA.

18.12 EVALUATION UP TO R 30 000 (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- 18.12.1 For quotations up to R 30 000 (all applicable taxes included), where the requirement is not technically complex and where there are no major risks involved, formalised Bid Evaluation Committees are not compulsory and the relevant delegated authority may perform the evaluation and submit the recommendation to the relevant award structure.
- 18.12.2 The evaluation shall still be based on an examination of the relevant statutory and/or predetermined evaluation criteria.

18.13 EVALUATION ABOVE R 30 000 AND UP TO R200 000 (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- 18.13.1 For quotations above R 30 000 and up to R200 000 (all applicable taxes included), where the requirement is not technically complex and where there are no major risks involved, formalised Bid Evaluation Committees are not compulsory and the delegated authority shall evaluate quotations received and submit a recommendation regarding the award of the quotations to the relevant award structure.
- 18.13.2 The evaluation and award structures should be composed of different members to ensure that a transparent review of the evaluation is undertaken.
- 18.13.3 Quotations are to be evaluated against the predetermined criteria in the quotation document. The criteria to be taken into account are inter alia:
- 18.13.3.1 Compliance with specification/TOR and conditions of quote
- ☐ Functionality
 - ☐ Price
 - ☐ Preferential procurement
- 18.13.3.2 Capability / ability of the bidder to execute the contract.
- 18.13.3.3 Respondents that have achieved the minimum qualification score for functionality shall be evaluated further on price and preference points.
- 18.13.3.4 Respondents that did not achieve the minimum qualification score for functionality shall be eliminated from further evaluation.
- 18.13.4 COE may not make any award from R 15 000 (all applicable taxes included) and above to a person who is not tax compliant.

18.14 BID EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR PROCUREMENT ABOVE R 200 000 (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- 18.14.1 Above R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included), a Bid Evaluation Committee shall evaluate bids received and submit a recommendation regarding the award of the bids to the Bid Adjudication Committee.
- 18.14.2 Bids shall be evaluated against the predetermined criteria in the bid document. The criteria to be taken into account are inter alia:
 - 18.14.2.1 Compliance with the specification/TOR and conditions of the bid
 - 18.14.2.2 Functionality and/or local content.
 - 18.14.2.3 Price
 - 18.14.2.4 Preferential procurement
 - 18.14.2.5 Capability/ability of the bidder to execute the contract:
 - 18.14.2.6 National Industrial Participation Programme (NIPP) requirements, if specified in the bid document.
- 18.14.3 Bidders that have achieved the minimum qualification score for functionality shall be evaluated further on price and the preference point.
- 18.14.4 Bidders that did not achieve the minimum qualification score for functionality shall be eliminated from further evaluation.

18.15 CONFIRMATION OF PRICES

- 18.15.1 A legal contract cannot be concluded by the acceptance of an offer where it is obvious to any reasonable person that a price is out of line with other market prices and/or previous quoted prices. Confirmation of whether the price is correct or not, shall be obtained from the provider in such cases.
- 18.15.2 Only confirmation of the correctness of the price is involved and not negotiation for a better price.

18.16 ALLOCATION OF PREFERENCES

- 18.16.1 Bidders who qualify as Exempted Micro Enterprises (EME's) in terms of the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, shall either submit a certificate issued by a registered auditor, AO as contemplated in the Close Corporation Act, or an accredited verification agency.
- 18.16.2 Bidders other than EME's shall submit their original and valid B-BBEE status level verification certificate or a certified copy thereof, substantiating their B- BBEE rating.
- 18.16.3 The submission of such certificates shall comply with the requirements of instructions and guidelines issued by the National Treasury and shall be in accordance with notices published by the Department of Trade and Industry in the Government Gazette.

- 18.16.4 The B-BBEE status level attained by the bidder shall be used to determine the number of points out of the 20/10 points for preferential procurement. The points shall be awarded as follows:

Table 5

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Procurement up to R50 000 000 (all taxes incl.) Number of points	Procurement above R50 000 000 (all taxes incl.) Number of points
1	20	10
2	18	9
3	16	8
4	12	5
5	8	4
6	6	3
7	4	2
8	2	1
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

- 18.16.5 The point obtained above shall be added to the point for price to determine the total score per bidder.
- 18.16.6 A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits their B-BBEE status level certificate.
- 18.16.7 A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they were a group structure and that such a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard is prepared for every bid.
- 18.16.8 A person shall not be awarded points for B-BBEE status level if it is indicated in the bid documents that such a bidder intends sub-contracting more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not qualify for at least the points that such a bidder qualifies for, unless the intended sub-contractor is an exempted micro enterprise that has the capability and ability to execute the contract.
- 18.16.9 COE shall act against any bidder or person, when it was detected that the B- BBEE status level of contribution was claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis.

18.17 DETERMINING POINTS FOR PRICE

- 18.17.1 The point for price shall be determined by the following formula:

$$P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for comparative price of bid or offer under consideration
Pt = Comparative price of bid or offer under consideration
Pmin = Comparative price of lowest acceptable tender or offer.

18.17.2 Points shall be rounded off to the nearest 2 decimal places.

18.18 COMBINING PRICE AND PREFERENCE POINTS

18.18.1 The points scored by a bidder in respect of the level of B-BBEE contribution shall be added to the points scored for price as calculated.

18.18.2 The contract shall be awarded to the bidder who scores the highest total number of points unless objective criteria justify the award to another bidder.

18.19 PRESENTATIONS HELD BY BIDDERS

18.19.1 All or only the short-listed bidders may be invited for presentations to the Bid Evaluation Committee after the evaluation of functionality, if the bid document provided for this option. The score obtained during the presentation may only influence the functional score.

18.20 AMENDMENT OF PRICES PRIOR TO LAPSE OF VALIDITY

18.20.1 An amendment of a quoted price during the original validity period is not allowed.

18.21 EXTENSION OF VALIDITY PERIOD

18.21.1 Extension of validity shall be finalised while the quotations/bids are still valid.

18.21.2 If a bidder should reduce his quoted price as a result hereof, the reduction may be considered only if the provider would have been the successful contractor irrespective of the reduction. In other words the case is evaluated at the original quoted price and if successful, it is accepted at the reduced price.

18.21.3 In cases where the quoted price is increased when the validity period expires and the quotation/bid concerned is either no longer recommended for acceptance or is recommended for acceptance at the higher price, the disadvantageous or incremental costs shall be reported to the Council annually.

18.22 NEW AND UNPROVEN PRODUCTS

18.22.1 A bid may not be rejected summarily simply because the bidder or the product which he offers is unknown.

18.23 COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

- 18.23.1 There is no embargo on the purchase of products from any foreign market.
- 18.23.2 However, the quality of products, which are imported, particularly of unknown or new products, is not always known and this must be rigorously tested for acceptability.

18.24 DEVIATIONS FROM SPECIFICATIONS

- 18.24.1 Quotations/bids with acceptable deviations from specification may be recommended for acceptance, provided that the competitiveness of another provider is not adversely affected.
- 18.24.2 The accounting officer must approve all deviations from specification awards.

18.25 ALTERNATIVE OFFERS

- 18.25.1 Regardless of whether the provider also submits offers conforming strictly to specification, alternative offers may be considered and accepted provided that the other providers are not prejudiced. If the alternative offer does not meet the specification requirements, in that it is lower than the specified requirements and the deviations are acceptable, the other providers shall be approached in cases where they might possibly be prejudiced, with a view to obtaining offers for the delivery of a product or service with the same or similar acceptable deviations. Such cases shall be submitted to the relevant Bid Evaluation Committee for consideration and the relevant award structure for approval.

18.26 IMPROVEMENT ON SPECIFICATIONS

- 18.26.1 A quotation/bid which obtains the highest score and which represents an improvement on the requirements of the specifications may be recommended for acceptance.
- 18.26.2 A quotation/bid which does not obtain the highest score and which represents an improvement on the requirements of the specifications may be recommended for acceptance by the relevant evaluation authority provided that all competitive providers are approached beforehand but are not able to offer such an improved product at a lower price.
- 18.26.3 Any such actions should not lead to the unfair treatment of any other bidder in the process.

18.27 EQUAL OFFERS

- 18.27.1 When offers are equal in all respects on a comparative basis, thus scoring equal total points, the successful provider shall be the one scoring the highest number of preference points for B-BBEE.

- 18.27.2 However, when functionality is part of the evaluation process and two or more bids have scored equal points including equal preference points for B-BBEE, the successful bid shall be the one scoring the highest score for functionality.
- 18.27.3 Should two or more offers still be equal in all respects, the award shall be decided by the drawing of lots in accordance with the delegated powers.
- 18.27.4 Where bid prices for a portion of a series of sub-items are equal and it is necessary for these items to be obtained from the same bidder, then the lowest overall bid may be recommended for acceptance.

18.28 ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES

- 18.28.1 Before an award has been made, additional quantities may be accepted up to the maximum percentage provided for in the delegated powers.
- 18.28.2 All providers concerned shall be approached for offers for the larger quantities.
- 18.28.3 Where the additional quantities are more than the percentage provided for in the delegated powers, a fresh or a supplementary bid shall be invited.

18.29 SAMPLES

- 18.29.1 Notwithstanding the requirement that samples shall be submitted not later than the date and time specified in the bidding documents, samples may be received up to the time that they are required for evaluation. The recommendation of a bid shall, however, not be delayed because a sample, which was received late, still has to be evaluated.

18.30 COMPARISON OF QUOTED PRICES

- 18.30.1 The quoted prices of all items shall be brought to a comparative basis, where applicable, by deducting preferences and other benefits, and adding implied contract price adjustments in the case of non-firm prices and delivery and other costs where applicable.
- 18.30.2 Where purchases are accompanied by a maintenance contract and the future costs of the maintenance are known, the discounted present value of all the future costs shall be added to the purchase cost in order to calculate a comparative price. Where these costs are not known, a typical scenario shall be set in the quotation/bid document and priced by each provider in order to obtain comparative prices.
- 18.30.3 The quoted prices of providers who are not registered in terms of the VAT Act, shall for purposes of comparison be accepted as being inclusive of VAT. COE shall do price comparisons on these quoted prices and any transaction as a result of acceptance of such quoted prices will under no circumstances be subject to the levying of an additional tax.

18.31 COMPARATIVE PRICES: BIDS FOR CONTRACTS WITH DURATION OF MORE THAN THREE FINANCIAL YEARS

- 18.31.1 Where bids for contracts with duration of more than three years are received, comparative prices, where necessary, shall be calculated on the basis of the discounted net present values of the various offers.
- 18.31.2 A specific escalation rate determined by the market factors should form part of the bid. This rate will then be used to calculate the tariffs for each of the future years.

18.32 CONFIDENTIALITY

- 18.32.1 After public opening of bids, information relating to the evaluation process may not be disclosed to interested parties or other persons not officially concerned with the process, until the successful bidder is notified of the award.

18.33 SUBCONTRACTING AND JOINT VENTURES

- 18.33.1 From a risk mitigation perspective, it is incumbent upon COE to take reasonable care that:
- 18.33.1.1 Subcontractors and partners in joint ventures are engaged in fair and reasonable conditions of contract.
- 18.33.1.2 Secured payment options to sub-contractors may only be considered where it can be justified and where written consent is obtained from all parties to do so.

18.34 CANCELLATION AND RE-INVITATION OF BIDS

- 18.34.1 An organ of state may, before the award of a tender, cancel a tender invitation if –
- (a) Due to changed circumstances, there is no longer a need for the goods or services specified in the invitation;
 - (b) Funds are no longer available to cover the total envisaged expenditure
 - (c) No acceptable tender is received; or
 - (d) There is a material irregularity in the tender process.
- 18.34.2 The decision to cancel a tender invitation in terms of subregulation (1) must be published in the same manner in which the original tender invitation was advertised.
- 18.34.3 An organ of state may only with the prior approval of the relevant treasury cancel a tender invitation for the second time
- 18.34.4 If one or more of the acceptable bids received are within the prescribed threshold for the stipulated preference point, all bids shall be evaluated according to the preference point stipulated in the bid document.

- 18.34.1 In the event that, in the application of the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system as stipulated in the bid documents, all bids received exceed the estimated Rand value for the stipulated preference point, the bid invitation shall be cancelled by the BEC and the relevant award structure will be notified and provided with reasons for such cancellation.

18.35 BEC RECOMMENDATION REPORT

- 18.35.1 The COE departmental project manager is responsible for the compilation of the recommendation report, which shall be vetted for correctness by the BEC appointed to conduct that specific evaluation and for compliance by the SCM practitioner and the acquisition manager before submission to the relevant bid committee/s.

18.36 CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 18.36.1 Information received after the closing date, may only be taken into consideration if it would not influence the original recommendation made, which shall be based on the original information received from providers.
- 18.36.2 During the consideration of quotations/bids, communication by COE with providers may take place only with the express prior approval of the relevant award structure.

18.37 CANCELLATION OF QUOTATIONS/BIDS

- 18.37.1 Should it be determined through the evaluation process that no acceptable quotations/bids were received; a recommendation to cancel the quotation/bid shall be submitted for approval as part of the evaluation report.
- 18.37.2 The reasons why no acceptable quotations/bids were received by the closing date and time shall be investigated before a decision is made what alternative process shall be followed to satisfy the requirements.
- 18.37.3 The requirement may now be re-advertised / re-invited or a specific number of pre-identified service providers may be targeted.
- 18.37.4 The evaluation report shall contain the request for cancellation accompanied by the perceived reasons determined through the investigation as well as a recommendation on the alternative process to be followed to satisfy the requirements.
- 18.37.5 The relevant award structure shall approve all cases where quotations/bids:
- 18.37.5.1 Are to be cancelled.
 - 18.37.5.2 New quotations/bids are to be solicited because of the cancellation.
 - 18.37.5.3 Negotiations with the preferred bidder are to take place to determine a reduction in the scope and/or a reallocation of risk and responsibility. A substantial reduction in the scope or modification to the bidding documents may require re-bidding.
 - 18.37.5.4 Where bids are cancelled a notice of such cancellation shall be published on the eTender Publication Portal on the same day, or at the latest, the day after the bid has been cancelled.

- 18.37.5.5 In addition to the notice on the eTender Publication Portal, all bidders shall be informed of the cancellation of quotations/bids in writing or the cancellation shall be advertised in the media as outlined in paragraph 16.3.1 of this policy.
- 18.37.6.1 COE may cancel a bid, prior to the award if:
- 18.37.6.2 Due to changed circumstances, there is no longer a need for the service, works or goods requested.
- 18.37.6.3 Funds are no longer available to cover the total envisaged expenditure; or
- 18.37.6.4 No qualifying quotations/bids were received.

18.38 NEGOTIATIONS

- 18.38.1 The CM may negotiate the final terms of a contract with bidders identified through a competitive bidding process as preferred bidders, provided that such negotiation:
- 18.38.1.1 Does not allow any preferred bidder a second or unfair opportunity.
- 18.38.1.2 Is not to the detriment of any other bidder.
- 18.38.1.3 Does not lead to a higher price than the bid as submitted.
- 18.38.2 Minutes of such negotiations shall be kept for record purposes.

18.39 CLEARANCE OF PROVIDERS PRIOR TO THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT

- 18.39.1 TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE
- 18.39.2 Prior to the award of a bid, COE should verify the Tax Clearance Certificate submitted by a potential contractor at any SARS branch office nationwide. SARS will confirm such verification by electronic mail or per facsimile.
- 18.39.3 Records of all verifications must be kept for audit purposes.

18.40 RESTRICTED PERSONS

- 18.40.1 COE shall check the National Treasury database prior to awarding any contract to ensure that no recommended bidder, nor any of its directors, is listed as companies, directors or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

18.41 BID DEFAULTERS

- 18.41.1 This list of restricted persons and checking of prohibition status is managed and maintained by the SCM Office within the National Treasury.

18.42 NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

- 18.42.1 COE shall obtain clearance for a recommended bidder from the Department of Trade and Industry in respect to contracts which are subject to the National Industrial Participation Programme of that Department.

18.43 DEALING WITH UNSOLICITED BIDS

- 18.43.1 COE is in terms of Section 113 of the MFMA not obliged to consider unsolicited bids received outside a normal bidding process. However if COE decides to consider unsolicited bids, it may do so, only if:
- 18.43.1.1 The product or service offered in terms of the bids is proven a unique innovative concept that will be exceptionally beneficial to or have exceptional cost advantages for COE.
 - 18.43.1.2 The person who made the bid is the sole provider of the product or service.
 - 18.43.1.3 The reasons for not going through the normal biddings processes are found to be sound by the CM.
 - 18.43.1.4 The need for the product or service by COE has been established during its multi-year business planning and budgeting process.
 - 18.43.1.5 The CM decides to consider an unsolicited bid, the decision shall be made public in accordance with section 21A of the Municipal Systems Act.

SECTION 19 AWARDS

19.1 AWARD STRUCTURES

- 19.1.1 The Bid Evaluation Committee and the Bid Adjudication Committee/s or equivalent structures for a specific requirement shall be composed of different members to ensure that a transparent review of the evaluation is undertaken.

19.2 AWARD STRUCTURES UP TO R 200 000 (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- 19.2.1 The official/s delegated the adjudication and award functions, shall finalise the award/s.
- 19.2.2 All quotations up to R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included) not specifically delegated, shall be finally adjudicated and awarded by the Bid Adjudication Committee/s or the CM or as delegated.

19.3 POWERS OF THE AWARD STRUCTURES UP TO R 200 000 (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- 19.3.1 The official/s acting as the Award Structure/s assesses if the specific procurement processes followed, are in line with the approved policy and procedures, that the evaluation is fair and sound, the procurement is acceptable and in COE's best interest, and then approves/rejects the recommendation.
- 19.3.2 The function shall be carried out in line with the award functions stipulated under the roles and responsibilities section.
- 19.3.3 Any decision regarding the adjudication and award of a contract is final.

19.4 AWARD STRUCTURES ABOVE R 200 000 (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- 19.4.1 The Bid Adjudication Committees shall be the Award Structures who will finally award bids above the monetary value of R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included) and up to their delegated authority.
- 19.4.2 Above the delegated authority of each Bid Adjudication Committee, the Bid Committees endorse the recommendations and the CM finally awards the bids as the highest level award structure.
- 19.4.3 Above R 200 000 (all applicable taxes included), the Bid Adjudication Committees shall carry out the adjudication and award of bids unless the recommendation is referred back for justifiable reasons or unless there are circumstances in which the report with recommendations and comments should be forwarded to the CM for final adjudication and award.

19.5 POWERS OF THE AWARD STRUCTURES ABOVE R 200 000 (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- 19.5.1 The Chairperson of the Bid Evaluation Committee shall present the Bid Evaluation Committee's recommendation report to the relevant Bid Adjudication Committee for consideration.
- 19.5.2 The function shall be carried out in line with the award functions stipulated under the roles and responsibilities section.
- 19.5.3 The relevant Bid Adjudication Committee assesses if the specific procurement process followed, is in line with the approved policy and procedures, that the evaluation is fair and sound, the procurement is acceptable and in COE's best interest, and then approves/rejects the recommendation or make a final recommendation to the CM for final award, if the Bid Adjudication Committee is not delegated to make a final- award. The Bid Adjudication Committee may make another recommendation to the CM on how to proceed with the relevant procurement.
- 19.5.4 Where the Bid Adjudication Committee finds that the recommendation is not correct or not in the COE's best interest, the reasons for not supporting the review are submitted to the CM for finalisation of the adjudication and award.
- 19.5.5 Members of the Bid Evaluation Committee may present their reports to the relevant Bid Adjudication Committee and clarify any uncertainties.
- 19.5.6 The Bid Adjudication Committees and the CM has the power to amend or cancel concluded agreements, depending on their thresholds, if delivered goods and services do not conform to specifications.
- 19.5.7 Any decision regarding the adjudication of a contract is final.

19.6 AWARDS BASED ON POINTS

- 19.6.1 The award of a quote/bid shall be awarded to the respondent/ bidder who scored the highest total number of points for price and B-BBEE contribution level combined.
- 19.6.2 Should a quote/bid not be awarded to the highest scorer, COE should, within 7 working days, in writing, notify the Auditor-General and the National Treasury, of the reasons for the deviation.

19.7 REASONS FOR REJECTION

- 19.7.1 COE shall reject a proposal for the award of a contract if the recommended bidder has committed a proven corrupt or fraudulent act in competing for the particular contract.
- 19.7.2 The CM shall ensure that irrespective of the procurement process followed, no award may be given to a person:
 - 19.7.2.1 Who is in the service of the state?

- 19.7.2.2 If that person is not a natural person, of which any director, manager, principal shareholder or stakeholder is a person in the service of the state.
- 19.7.2.3 A person who is an advisor or consultant contracted with COE.
- 19.7.3 Awards of more than R2 000 to a person who is a spouse, child or parent of a person in the service of the state shall be disclosed in the note of the annual financial statement indicating:
 - ☐ The name of the person
 - ☐ The capacity in which that person is in the service of the state
 - ☐ The amount of the award.

19.8 CONTRACTS WITH FUTURE BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

- 19.8.1 In terms of Section 33 of the MFMA, COE may enter into contracts which will impose financial obligations beyond a financial year but if the obligation extends beyond the three years covered in the annual budget, it may only do so if:
- 19.8.2 The City Manager, at least 60 days before council, made public the draft contract, and invite the local community or representation to submit comments;
 - 19.8.2.1 The Council has taken into account the projected financial obligation, the impact on future tariffs and revenue, comments from the community, and views and recommendations of National Treasury, the relevant local government or national department.
 - 19.8.2.2 Council has to take into account:
 - 19.8.2.2.1 The projected financial obligation for the contract for each financial year
 - 19.8.2.2.2 The impact of the financial obligation on future tariffs and revenue
 - 19.8.2.2.3 Comments from the local community or interested parties
 - 19.8.2.2.4 Views and recommendations by National Treasury, relevant national departments or local government.
 - 19.8.2.3 The municipal council has adopted a resolution after determining that significant investment or financial benefit will be derived and approves such contract.

19.9 NIP PROGRAMME

- 19.9.1 As per the requirements of the DTI's National Industrial Participation Programme (NIPP), the COE shall, within 5 working days after the award of a contract that is in excess of R10 million (all applicable taxes included), submit details of such an award to the relevant section of the DTI.

SECTION 20 CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

20.1 CONCLUSION OF CONTRACTS

- 20.1.1 The SCM directorate shall finalise the adjudication by issuing the letter of acceptance, the contract form, including the service level agreement and formal contract, where applicable.
- 20.1.2 The acceptance of a successful bid shall be in writing and shall be sent by registered/certified mail or as indicated in a special condition; the principle being that there shall be a mechanism of proof of delivery.
- 20.1.3 Up to a predetermined monetary value for quotations, the official with the necessary delegated authority shall sign orders or other necessary documentation to commit COE.
- 20.1.4 Up to a predetermined monetary value for quotations, the official with the authority to award may be the official who contractually commits COE.
- 20.1.5 Above the predetermined monetary value, an official with the necessary delegated authority to contractually commit COE, shall sign the letters of acceptance and contract form or other necessary documentation to commit COE.
- 20.1.6 The official with the necessary delegated authority to commit COE, shall be satisfied that all the necessary contractual conditions have been included prior to signing.
- 20.1.7 City of Ekurhuleni's contract documents shall promote uniformity across the entity.
- 20.1.8 Both/all parties to the contract shall sign the contract form or formal contract.
- 20.1.9 Legal copies shall be kept in a safe place for judicial reference.

20.2 FORMAL CONTRACTS

- 20.2.1 The formal contract shall form part of the quotation/bid documents, if required to be signed.
- 20.2.2 Formal contracts are concluded only where this is stated as a requirement in the quotation/bid document.
- 20.2.3 If a formal contract is concluded, an order shall still be placed with the successful provider.

20.3 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS

- 2031 A service level agreement (SLA) may be compiled and signed if required. A service level agreement (SLA) is a document, which defines the relationship between two parties, namely the contractor and the client and spells out services and activities to be executed, due dates and turnaround times.
- 2032 A SLA may not contradict any terms or conditions of the contract.
- 2033 When a SLA is included in a contract, both documents shall be submitted to Legal for review and finalisation.
- 2034 As with a contract, the SLA shall be signed by all the contracting parties and should be used to enforce performance and delivery against agreed terms and conditions.
- 2035 All contracting parties shall be in possession of the SLA.

20.4 CONTRACTS PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION BASED ON TURNOVER

- 2041 If a service provider acts on behalf of COE to provide any service or act as a collector of fees, service charges or taxes and the compensation payable to the service provider or the amount collected, the contract between the services and COE shall stipulate:
- 2042 A cap on the compensation payable to the service provider.
- 2043 That such compensation shall be performance based.

20.5 TIME OF CONCLUSION

- 2051 The contract is concluded at the time that the letter of acceptance is posted even if the contract form and formal contract is only signed at a later date, unless stated otherwise in the quotation/bid documents. The acceptance of a bid shall be in writing and shall be sent by registered/certified mail or as indicated in a special condition, the principle being that there shall be a mechanism of proof of delivery. Therefore, once the letter of acceptance has been sent, a contractual commitment has been made and it becomes effective. The relevant datestamp of the Post Office serves as proof of the time.
- 2052 If the letter of acceptance is handed over, ensure a mechanism of proof of delivery and keep the proof on file to ensure it is documented that a contractual commitment was established before the validity expired.
- 2053 The signing of the contract form or formal contract, where applicable, serves to enhance the contract established.

SECTION 21 ACCESS TO BIDDING INFORMATION

21.1 INFORMATION ACCESS

- 21.1.1 All bidding information remains strictly confidential.
- 21.1.2 Every bidder shall be informed of final bid results.
- 21.1.3 The information of one bidder shall not be disclosed to any other bidder, except as provided for in the bid opening section of this policy.

21.2 INFORMING THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER/S

- 21.2.1 Subject to paragraph 21.5.1 below, the successful bidder shall be notified in writing by registered or certified mail of the acceptance of their bid within the original validity period of the bid.
- 21.2.2 The information of other bidders will not be disclosed to the successful bidder.

21.3 INFORMING THE UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDER/S

- 21.3.1 On written request, any bidder should be provided with the reasons why his / her own bid was unsuccessful.
- 21.3.2 Each bidder, on request, is entitled to feedback concerning its own bid.
- 21.3.3 When an unsuccessful bidder requests reasons why the bid was unsuccessful, the bidder shall be requested to forward the request in writing to COE.
- 21.3.4 Once the written request is received, the reasons why the bid was unsuccessful shall be provided in writing. It is therefore imperative that proper reasons be recorded in the evaluation and recommendation report so that it may be used to provide the bidder with justifiable reasons.
- 21.3.5 Should the bidder not be satisfied with the explanation given after consultation with COE, the bidder may refer the matter to the National Treasury, the Public Protector or a court of law.

21.4 DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

- 21.4.1 Bids are not available for perusal by the public.
- 21.4.2 According to sections 36 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, Act No 2 of 2000, a public body shall refuse a request for access to a record of the body if the record contains:
 - 21.4.2.1 Trade secrets of a third party.
 - 21.4.2.2 Financial, commercial, scientific or technical information, other than trade secrets, of a third party, the disclosure of which would be likely to cause harm to the commercial or financial interest of the third party.

- 21.4.3 Information supplied in confidence by a third party, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected:
- 21.4.3.1 To put that third party at a disadvantage in contractual or other negotiations.
 - 21.4.3.2 To prejudice that third party in commercial competition.
 - 21.4.3.3 Personal information about a third party, including a deceased individual.
 - 21.4.3.4 When divulging information, a balance shall be struck between one party's right to access of information and the right to confidentiality of the other party.
 - 21.4.3.5 Where no bid has been accepted, particulars of the bids received are not made public.
 - 21.4.3.6 The COE can withhold information if the release or publication of the information:
 - 21.4.3.6.1 Will impede law enforcement; or
 - 21.4.3.6.2 Will be contrary to the public interest; or
 - 21.4.3.6.3 Will harm the legitimate interests of the COE; or
 - 21.4.3.6.4 Will hinder fair competition between providers by revealing any proprietary information of any bidder. When divulging information, a balance shall be struck between one party's right to access of information and the right to confidentiality of the other party.

21.5 PUBLICATION OF AWARDS

- 21.5.1 Awards shall be published in the eTender Publication Portal within seven (7) working days of being made.
- 21.5.2 The publication shall comprise the following information:
- 21.5.3 Names of the successful bidder(s) and preference points claimed;
- 21.5.4 Contract price(s);
- 21.5.5 Contract period;
- 21.5.6 Contact details;
- 21.5.7 Names of directors; and
- 21.5.8 Date of completion/award.
- 21.5.9 In addition to the eTender Publication Portal, the above information shall also be published in the media outlined in paragraph 16.3.1 of this policy.
- 21.5.10 Within the same time frame set out in paragraph 21.5.1 above, the names and contact details of unsuccessful bidders shall be published on the eTender Publication Portal.

21.6 BIDS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

- 21.6.1 Bids shall be registered on the CIDB Register of Projects on award and progressively be updated until project completion for the promotion, assessment and evaluation of best practices on construction projects.

SECTION 22 CONTRACT/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

22.1 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 22.1.1 A contract or agreement procured through the SCM system of COE shall:
 - 22.1.1.1 Be in writing.
 - 22.1.1.2 Stipulate the terms and conditions of the contract or agreement which shall include provisions providing for:
 - 22.1.1.3 Be terminated in the case of non- or under performance.
 - 22.1.1.4 Contain dispute resolution mechanisms to settle disputes between the parties.
- 22.1.2 A periodic review of the contract or agreement shall be done once every three years in the case of a contract or agreement for longer than three years.
- 22.1.3 The relevant user group takes responsibility for day-to-day management and monitoring of a contract in line with the contractual conditions.
- 22.1.4 The SCM directorate takes responsibility for maintaining original contract documentation and monitoring contracts in terms of renewals, transfers, terminations, amendments and price adjustments.

22.2 MANAGING CONTRACTS

- 22.21 The CM or delegated official shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that a contract or agreement procured through the SCM Manual of COE is properly enforced. It shall be insured that contracts are properly and duly managed and executed.
- 22.22 The nature of the responsibility will determine who manages the specific contractual aspect.

22.3 CORRECTION OF AN INCORRECT ACCEPTANCE

- 22.31 Mistakes in the letter of acceptance, contract form and/or formal contract shall be reported immediately to the official in charge of the SCM directorate.
- 22.32 Every effort shall be made without delay to recover the original letter of acceptance, contract form and/or formal contract from the contractor.
- 22.33 Where it is not possible to recover the original, all particulars of the incorrect acceptance shall be reported to the relevant award structure together with a recommendation regarding the corrective steps that are envisaged.

22.4 PLACING ORDERS

- 22.4.1 Placing orders is the sole responsibility of COE.
- 22.4.2 Orders are to be placed in accordance with the contract and in accordance with the instructions of the financial policy.

22.5 PLACING ORDERS NEAR THE END OF A CONTRACT PERIOD

- 22.5.1 Placing orders near the end of the financial year in order to only spend unused funds in the budgets are not allowed.
- 22.5.2 Where, for a given period of time, no valid contract exists goods, services or works shall be obtained in accordance with the delegated powers.
- 22.5.3 The obtaining of requirements shall be restricted to what is absolutely necessary.

22.6 CONTRACT MONITORING

22.6.1 MONITORING

- 22.6.1.1 The CM or delegate shall monitor on a monthly basis the performance of the contractor under the contract or agreement.
- 22.6.1.2 The CM shall regularly report to the Council on the management of the contract or agreement and the performance of the contractor.
- 22.6.1.3 Constant monitoring is essential to ensure that contractual obligations are met and that contracts run with as little disruption as possible.
- 22.6.1.4 The SCM directorate is responsible for notifying the user department and especially the relevant project manager of any term contract expiry that will allow the user sufficient time to decide whether to renew the contract.
- 22.6.1.5 The user shall ensure that the contractor performs according to the stipulations of the contract in delivering the goods or services on time, in the correct quantity and to the required standard.

22.7 TRADEMARK / BRAND NAME

- 22.7.1 If a bid is accepted for a particular trademark/brand name, that trademark/brand name shall appear on the product and substitute products shall not be accepted.
- 22.7.2 TESTING AND INSPECTION OF SUPPLIES
 - 22.7.2.1 In cases where an SABS or CKS specification for a product exists, or where a specification is drawn up by the SABS at the request of COE, the contract form and the contract circular shall indicate whether the supplies are subject to consignment inspections, sample testing or the approval of pre-production samples, as the case may be. The SABS or the appointed testing organisation shall be advised accordingly.
 - 22.7.2.2 Inspections are carried out on whichever items the Bid Specification Committee considered it to be necessary as indicated in the contract established.

- 22.7.2.3 The inspection of supplies can be carried out either before consignment at the contractor's premises or after receipt.
- 22.7.2.4 Where a contract is awarded on the grounds of evaluation of a representative sample, such sample is kept for the contract period and is regarded as the contract sample. Deliveries are then compared with it in order to ensure that the quality does not deteriorate
- 22.7.2.5 Samples kept by COE for control purposes may be accepted as partial execution of the contract, in which case the contractor shall be requested to deliver only the balance. If a sample is not accepted as partial delivery, the contractor shall be requested to collect it after termination of the contract.

22.8 COSTS OF TESTING

- 22.8.1 All pre-bid testing will be for the account of the bidder.
- 22.8.2 The costs of testing in connection with specific term contracts and ad hoc contracts are the responsibility of COE.
- 22.8.3 Where a test indicates that a consignment or sample complies with the requirements, COE carries the cost of the tests.

22.9 RETENTION FEES

- 22.9.1 With regards to construction and related contracts, COE shall impose a system of retention fees as per guidelines approved by Council from time to time
- 22.9.2 Retention fees are fees retained for a certain period by the COE to offset costs which may arise from the contractor's liability for defects or failure to comply fully with the contract.
- 22.9.3 This matter is further discussed under the section on Risk Management in this policy.

22.10 LONG TERM CONTRACT REVIEW

- 22.10.1 COE shall perform a periodic review of the contract of agreement once every three years in the case of a contract or agreement for longer than 3 years.

22.11 BIDS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

- 22.11.1 Contracts registered on the CIDB Register of Projects shall be updated progressively until project completion for the promotion, assessment and evaluation of best practices on construction projects.

22.12 NON-CONTRACTUAL PURCHASES

- 22.12.1 Small quantities of supplies or minor services may be procured outside of the contract in the following circumstances:
 - 22.12.1.1 In cases of emergency; or
 - 22.12.1.2 When the contractor's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supply or service is required; or
 - 22.12.1.3 If the contractor's supplies or services are not readily available.
- 22.12.2 Purchases outside the contract shall be restricted to requirements that are absolutely necessary to satisfy the immediate requirement and the action shall always be justifiable against the contract conditions.
- 22.12.3 Acquisition procedures shall in all instances be followed when procuring outside of existing contracts.

22.13 PAYMENTS

- 22.13.1 Under normal circumstances payment is made for supplies in accordance with the contract conditions only after they have been delivered and, where applicable, installed, in good working order.
- 22.13.2 Payments shall be executed within 30 days of receipt of valid invoices

22.14 OVER/UNDER-DELIVERIES

- 22.14.1 Over- or under-deliveries may be accepted in accordance with the CM's delegated powers.

22.15 DISCOUNTS ON INVOICES

- 22.15.1 In cases where a discount is not a contract condition and a contractor indicates a discount on his invoice, this discount shall be utilised if possible, for instance by making payment within the time limit specified on the invoice. However, orders shall at all times be placed in accordance with the contract conditions, i.e. non-contractual discounts shall not be taken into consideration when placing orders.

22.16 INSOLVENCY, LIQUIDATION, DEATH, SEQUESTRATION OR JUDICIAL MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS

- 22.16.1 In terms of the general conditions of contract, COE has certain options, which it may exercise in the case of insolvency.
- 22.16.2 The risk to COE is the determining factor and the choice with the smallest degree of risk is preferred.

- 22.16.3 Insolvency or bankruptcy is the failure/inability to meet financial obligations.
- 22.16.4 Sequestration is firstly to place an insolvent debtor's estate in the hands where the Master decides on the estate and thereafter it rests with the trustee that distributes the assets (money) among the creditors or, secondly where the court determines insolvency.
- 22.16.5 Liquidate is to determine and settle/wind up the liabilities of a firm or an estate and to mete out the assets to creditors or inheritress.

22.17 TRANSFER AND CESSION OF CONTRACTS

- 22.17.1 The contractual conditions should stipulate the conditions under which transfers/cessions shall be considered and the process to be followed in such circumstance.
- 22.17.2 Applications for the transfer/cession of contracts shall be completed and signed by both the transferor and the transferee and countersigned by two witnesses. Full reasons for the transferring of the contract shall be provided and the transferee's ability to carry out the contract shall be established and reported to the Accounting Authority or the delegate.

22.18 TRANSFER OF CONTRACT PAYMENTS

- 22.18.1 Transfer of payments may be considered in cases where a contractor makes application on an official letter signed by the CEO, or any other authorised person, for monies due to the contractor, to be paid to another person or organisation, such as a bank or supplier of materials.
- 22.18.2 Contract payments may be transferred on the recommendation of COE and with the relevant award structure's approval only.
- 22.18.3 Written confirmation shall be obtained from the contractor as requests for transfer of payment received from another person or organisation cannot be considered favourably.
- 22.18.4 Every application shall be dealt with on its own merits. Favourable consideration will result only where it is not to the detriment of the COE.
- 22.18.5 Although the transfer of payments is regarded as undesirable, every application shall be dealt with on its own merits. Favourable consideration will result only where it is not to the detriment of COE.
- 22.18.6 In the case of certain commodities and services, such as rented equipment, transfer of payment is often required because the contract has been discounted to a bank, sometimes without the knowledge or approval of the client concerned. Such action is unauthorised and is tantamount to a breach of contract. COE is not compelled to honour such a transfer of payment.

22.19 CONTRACT EXTENSIONS/VARIATIONS

22.19.1 GENERAL

- 22.19.1.1 The General Conditions of Contract (as amended from time to time) is applicable to all contracts and shall be adhered to.

22.20 EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS

- 22.20.1 As a general rule, the municipality may not extend a contract:

- 22.20.1.1 More than once.

- ☐ However, a contract may also be extended for a second time. In such circumstances, clear and justifiable reasons must be provided to the relevant approval authority, proving that such additional extension is beneficial to the municipality. Any such extension may not be approved, if the purpose is to circumvent the competitive bidding mechanisms of the procurement policy.

- 22.20.1.2 For a period exceeding the duration of the original agreement

- 22.20.1.3 The value of the extension may not exceed the original approved value of the contract.

- 22.20.1.4 The provisions of section 33 of the MFMA shall be considered for contracts that impose financial obligations on the municipality beyond the three years covered in the annual budget for that financial year

- 22.20.1.5 Where applicable the provisions of regulation 36 shall be applied subject to paragraph 22.20.3.6 below.

22.20.2 VARIATION OF CONTRACTS

- 22.20.2.1 The municipality may not vary a contract:-

- 22.20.2.1.1 For a period exceeding the duration of the original agreement; and 22.20.2.1.2

For an amount exceeding twenty [20] percent of the original contract value for construction related goods, services and/or infrastructure projects and 15% for all other goods and/or services of the original value of the contract.

- 22.20.2.1.3 Contracts may be amended/varied/modified according to COE's delegated powers to achieve the original objective of the contract.

- 22.20.2.1.4 Amendments may not materially alter the original objective; as such amendments should form part of a new bid invitation.

- 22.20.2.1.5 All contractual parties shall agree to the amendment in writing.

- 22.20.2.1.6 No contract can be amended after the original contract has ceased to exist.

22.20.3 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT PERIODS

- 22.20.3.1 Approval for the extension of contracts shall be obtained from the delegated structure that approved the original award of bid.

- 22.20.3.2 The extension of a contract shall be requested and finalised before the expiry date of the current contract.
- 22.20.3.3 Where prices are amended for the extended period, the reasonableness of the prices shall be established and approved by the delegated structure referred to above.
- 22.20.3.4 Where justifiable reasons are provided for extending a contract, the relevant application may be considered favourably and contractors may be approached with the request to indicate whether they are prepared to extend the contract period.
- 22.20.3.5 Contracts may not normally be extended beyond the period as determined by the CM's delegated powers.
- 22.20.3.6 Notice of all awards through variations and extensions of existing contracts shall be published on the eTender Publication Portal within seven (7) working days after the award has been made.

22.20.4 EXTENSION OF DELIVERY PERIODS

- 22.20.4.1 Delivery periods may be extended according to the CM's delegated powers.
- 22.20.4.2 Motivated applications for the extension of delivery periods in respect of ad hoc and specific term contracts may be considered favourably, but are subject to the restriction that no price adjustments, which arise during the extended period, will be considered. However, price adjustments during the extended period may be considered favourably if COE requested the extended delivery period, or when delayed deliveries are caused by the actions of COE.

22.20.5 AMENDMENT OF SPECIFICATIONS

- 22.20.5.1 Where a binding contract has been concluded, an amendment of the specification whether initiated by the contractor or by COE, can be made only after negotiation between the contractor and COE and through the approval of the relevant award structure.
- 22.20.5.2 Each case for the amendment of specifications shall be dealt with on its own merits, especially as amendments may be required due to legislative changes in the specific environment.

22.20.6 CONTRACTUAL PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

- 22.20.6.1 The contractual conditions shall stipulate the circumstances under which price adjustments shall be considered, the intervals for adjustment, the base date for adjustments as well as the price adjustment formula and the process to be followed in such circumstances.
- 22.20.6.2 In cases of term contracts, price adjustments may be considered on a quarterly basis but this condition shall be as indicated in the bid documents.
- 22.20.6.3 Price adjustments should not be considered for a contract period less than twelve (12) months.
- 22.20.6.4 The below prescribed formula shall be used for adjustment of prices due to the fluctuation of the indices.

- 22.20.6.5 Indices compiled by Statistics South Africa may be used for price adjustments.
- 22.20.6.6 Rate of Exchange (ROE) fluctuations shall only be allowed on the imported content of the commodity.
- 22.20.6.7 The following formula is applicable if adjustments of prices are allowed:

Equation 1

$$Pa = \frac{Pt}{R1t} + \frac{D1}{R1t} + \frac{D2}{R2t} + \frac{Dn}{Rno} + VPt$$

Where:

- Pa = The new escalated price to be calculated.
 - (1-V)Pt = 85% of the original bid price. Note that Pt shall always be the original bid price and not an escalated price.
 - D1, D2 = Each factor of the bid price eg. labour, transport, clothing, footwear, etc. The total of the various factors D1, D2...etc. shall add up to 100%.
 - R1t, R2t = Index figure obtained from new index (depends on the number of factors used).
 - R1o, R2o = Index figure at time of bidding.
 - VPt = 15% of the original bid price. This portion of the bid price remains firm i.e. it is not subject to any price escalations.
- 22.20.6.7.1 Price adjustments due to fluctuation in the rate of exchange.
- 22.20.6.7.2 The price adjustments based on ROE fluctuations, may be allowed only on the imported content of the commodity to meet only the suppliers' additional costs of the imported content.
- 22.20.6.7.3 Where the whole or a portion of the bidding price may be affected by the revaluation of currencies or any fluctuation in the ROE, the bidder shall, in accordance with the bidding requirements, state in his bid response, the amount to be paid in foreign currencies or to be remitted abroad, as well as the rate of exchange applied in the conversion of that amount into South African currency in calculating the bid price.
- 22.20.6.7.4 All rate of exchange claims shall be accompanied by proof from the bank of the relevant exchange rate.

22.20.7 NON-CONTRACTUAL ADJUSTMENT OF PRICES

22.20.7.1 Non-contractual adjustment of prices is normally not allowed. For example, when contractors suffer a loss as a result of their own negligence, price adjustments not covered by the contract are not favourably considered. However, where a contractor suffers loss as a result of circumstances beyond his control, or as a result of incorrect action by COE and particularly when such loss might cause his downfall, non-contractual price adjustments may be considered by COE. Such adjustments are to the disadvantage of COE and the necessary CM or the delegate approval shall therefore be obtained.

22.21 REDUCTION OF PRICES

22.21.1 COE shall accept price reductions after award of a contract where this is advantageous to COE, unless the acceptance of the price reduction amounts to breach of contract.

22.22 UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE

22.22.1 UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE: COE'S ROLE

22.22.1.1 General

22.1.1.1.1 Unsatisfactory performance shall be communicated to contractors in writing compelling the contractor to perform according to the contract and thus to rectify or to restrain from unacceptable actions.

22.1.1.1.2 Unsatisfactory performance occurs when performance is not in accordance with the contractual conditions. Directives regarding action in such cases should appear in the general conditions of contract.

22.1.1.1.3 Before action is taken in terms of the general conditions of contract or any other special contract condition applicable, COE shall warn the contractor by registered mail that action will be taken in accordance with the contract conditions unless the contractor complies with the contract conditions and delivers satisfactory supplies or services within a specified reasonable time. If the contractor still does not perform satisfactorily despite a final warning, the SCM directorate may make a recommendation to the CM or the delegate for the appropriate penalties to be introduced or make a recommendation to the CM for the cancellation of the contract concerned.

22.1.1.1.4 When COE has to satisfy its need through another provider (for the contractor's expense), the loss to COE shall always be restricted to the minimum since it is difficult to justify the recovery of unreasonable additional costs from the contractor.

22.1.1.1.5 COE reserves the right not accept tender offers if a bidder failed to perform on any previous COE contract and has been given notice to this effect.

22.22.2 GUARANTEES, WARRANTEES SECURITIES AND SURETIES

22.22.21 If, during the warranty period, goods do not comply with the requirements because of faulty material used during manufacture, or faulty finishing, or any deficiency, latent or otherwise, the contractor shall be requested without delay, by registered mail, to replace or repair the goods depending on the circumstances. Supplies replaced or repaired or services rendered shall be warranted for the same period as the original supplies or services. See the general conditions of contract in connection with warranties.

22.22.22 Guarantees of an insurance company or bank and retention monies required in engineering and construction contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of the CIDB Standard for Uniformity in Construction Procurement – refer to Best Practice Guideline A2: *Applying the procurement prescripts of the CIDB in the Public Sector* dated December 2007: Edition 5 for the Minimum levels of securities generally provided for in engineering and construction contracts.

22.22.3 CLAIMS AGAINST CARTAGE CONTRACTORS

22.22.3.1 Where contracts are concluded on the basis of "F.O.R. despatch station", consignments, when delivered at the final destination or taken into receipt at the receiving station, shall be carefully inspected. If there are no external signs of damage and the quantities are correct, the receipt may be signed.

22.22.3.2 Where contracts are concluded on the basis of "F.O.R. "delivered into stores", the contractor is responsible for shortages, damage or loss, and claims shall therefore be initiated without delay if consignments show signs of damage or the number of containers is not correct on receipt.

22.22.4 LATE DELIVERIES

22.22.4.1 The general condition of contract should state that delivery of supplies shall be made in accordance with the conditions specified in the contract.

22.22.5 PENALTIES FOR LATE DELIVERY

22.22.5.1 Penalties are not intended as a source of income for City of Ekurhuleni, but serve as an incentive to the contractor to perform within the contractual conditions.

22.22.5.2 Where an unreasonable delay occurs, City of Ekurhuleni shall address a written warning to the contractor by registered mail, setting a cut-off date (usually three weeks from date of warning) and warn him that the penalty clause will be applied if the order is not executed before the cut-off date. If he does not heed the warning, the penalty clause shall be applied and the action reported to the Accounting Officer.

22.22.5.3 In the following cases penalties for late delivery **shall** be imposed:

- ☐ Where deliveries within a particular time period (service) were a specific contract condition and where delays caused serious damage, loss or inconvenience to City of Ekurhuleni.

- ☐ Where a firm delivery period (supply) was a contract condition and where delays caused serious damage, loss or inconvenience to City of Ekurhuleni.

22.22.6 LEGAL REMEDIES IN THE CASE OF INCORRECT PREFERENCES

- 22.22.6.1 If a contractor should win a contract on the basis of wrong information which was supplied regarding the preferences which he has claimed, and it is shown later that the information is incorrect, then the Accounting Officer has the power to:
- ☐ Recover any costs or damage which City of Ekurhuleni might have suffered as a result of the conclusion of the contract; and/or
 - ☐ Terminate the contract and to recover any loss which City of Ekurhuleni may suffer as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements; and/or
 - ☐ Deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. A written notice to the effect shall be issued to the contractor by registered mail.

22.22.7 The National Treasury shall be informed when such cases come to light so that they may decide on suitable action.

22.23 RESTRICTION

- 22.23.1 COE may in terms of Treasury Regulations 43, 44 and 45:
- ☐ Disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors-
 - Have abused COE's SCM system;
 - Have committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
 - Have failed to perform on any previous contract; and
 - ☐ Shall inform the National Treasury of any action taken in terms of the aforementioned paragraph.
- 22.23.2 In terms of The Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, only the National Treasury is empowered to impose restrictions on providers who were found guilty by a court of law for criminal offences related to public sector bids.

22.24 CONTRACT TERMINATION

- 22.24.1 COE shall cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods or services:
- 22.24.1.1 If the supplier committed any proven corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
 - 22.24.1.2 If any official or other role player committed any proven corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract that benefited the supplier.

- 22.24.1.3 Termination of a contract may be considered for a variety of reasons, as stipulated in the general conditions of contract, such as delayed deliveries, failing to perform any other contractual obligation or if the supplier has engaged in corrupt and fraudulent practises and insolvency.
- 22.24.1.4 Contract termination may be effected if allowed for in the contractual conditions and if both parties agree to the termination in writing.

22.25 OBJECTIONS AND COMPLAINTS

- 22.25.1 Persons aggrieved by decisions or actions taken in the implementation of this SCM system, may lodge within 14 days of the decision or action, a written objection or complaint against the decision or action.

22.26 RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES, OBJECTIONS, COMPLAINTS AND QUERIES

- 22.26.1 The CM shall appoint an independent and impartial person, not directly involved in the SCM processes COE.
- 22.26.2 The CM, or another official designated by the CM, is responsible for assisting the appointed person to perform his or her functions effectively.

SECTION 23 LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT

23.1 REQUISITION

- 23.1.1 No issuing of store items or the commencement of the procurement process may take place without a properly completed requisition form.

23.2 ORDER ADMINISTRATION

- 23.2.1 An order shall be placed based on the existence of a valid contract, bid or quotation (whichever is applicable) after the procurement process.
- 23.2.2 Each order shall be appropriately authorised by the delegated person.
- 23.2.3 Only orders created via the official COE mechanism will be deemed valid by COE.
- 23.2.4 A procurement file detailing the contract, bid, quotations, the conditions and a history of execution shall supplement each contract.

23.3 STORES MANAGEMENT

- 23.3.1 The store function is the receiving, storing as well as the issuing of inventory.
- 23.3.2 Equipment or stock shall be stored in such a way that the possibility of loss, damage, exposure, deterioration or perishing thereof is minimised or eliminated completely. By lack of a physical store, the function shall still be performed.
- 23.3.3 Stores and equipment may not be received or issued unless the necessary documentation is available for such transactions and is duly signed.
- 23.3.4 Duplicate keys of all lockers, cabinets, padlocks and other storage areas should be readily available and shall be controlled by a responsible delegated official.

23.4 PROCEDURE FOR THE RECEIPT OF GOODS

- 23.4.1 Items shall be delivered to the official responsible for the receiving function of a specific item at the relevant department.
- 23.4.2 Check items for quality, quantity and if delivered according to specification.

23.5 CODING OF ITEMS

- 23.5.1 All fixed assets are to be classified in terms of a unique identifying item number and description.
- 23.5.2 All items shall be classified as either a non-consumable or consumable item for accounting purposes.

23.6 INVENTORY MANAGEMENT

- 23.6.1 In cases where storage space is very expensive or not available, the just-in-time delivery principle shall be used.
- 23.6.2 Minimum and maximum inventory levels for all store items shall be determined based on the usage, the lead and delivery times.

23.7 ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 23.7.1 An asset record shall be kept per office to determine which assets and quantities have been issued to a specific asset controller/holder.
- 23.7.2 Asset controllers shall be appointed in writing.
- 23.7.3 All assets on asset records shall be marked with a unique identifying asset number.

23.8 FIXED ASSET REGISTER

- 23.8.1 A central fixed asset register of all applicable assets or groups of assets of COE shall be maintained at the finance division.

23.9 STOCKTAKING

- 23.9.1 All assets shall be kept on record on an asset record are to be subjected to a stock take at least once every financial year.
- 23.9.2 A stock take programme shall be compiled.
- 23.9.3 A stock take report shall be produced.

23.10 HANDING AND TAKING OVER PROCEDURES

- 23.10.1 Uninterrupted determination of responsibility and accountability shall be maintained at all times. To ensure continuity, formal handing and taking over should take place whenever there is a change in personnel.
- 23.10.2 All stores and equipment discrepancies shall be properly recorded, investigated and records adjusted accordingly, when handing and taking over are effected between officials.

23.11 DISCREPANCIES

- 23.11.1 Discrepancies are to be investigated as it is identified.
- 23.11.2 The investigation report with recommendations shall be submitted to the CM or delegate to decide whether identified losses are recoverable or irrecoverable. Losses or damages suffered by COE because of an act committed or omitted by a person working for COE, shall be recovered from such a person, if such a person is liable by law.

SECTION 24 DISPOSAL MANAGEMENT

24.1 SYSTEM OF DISPOSAL MANAGEMENT

- 24.1 The disposal management system shall provide for the disposal or letting of assets, including unserviceable, redundant or obsolete assets, subject to Section 14 of the MFMA.

24.2 OBSOLESCENCE PLANNING

- 24.2.1 An obsolescence plan shall be determined for each asset to ensure that when the asset can no longer be maintained or used for its original purpose, that there is a plan to replace it.
- 24.2.2 In addressing obsolescence risks, it should be remembered that obsolescence in an item is not a problem for users until the item is required to be repaired or replaced. Action to eliminate the obsolete item need only be taken when the stock level threatens the availability of the equipment.
- 24.2.3 Once identified, each obsolescence risk needs to be assessed to determine its criticality point. This is based on the impact of the risk to both capability and cost. What is crucial to the assessment of obsolescence risk is not the time at which a unit or component goes obsolete, but when as a result of the obsolescence, equipment availability will be threatened, the factors are:
- 24.2.4 Criticality point
- 24.2.4.1 This is the point in time at which availability of the equipment is threatened by lack of parts and/or spares, i.e. the point at which the risk goes critical. Identifying this point provides a benchmark against which all mitigation options can be considered.

24.3 COST IMPACT

- 24.3.1 This is determined by the expected costs that would be incurred to solve the problem if no action is taken until the time of occurrence of the obsolescence.

24.4 PRIORITISATION

- 24.4.1 Prioritise all current obsolescence risk by order of the point of criticality and in order of cost. The items can then be ranked in terms of risk, so that those items with the shortest time to threatened availability and the highest cost impact are most significant. The most critical will then need to be considered further for resolution of the specific problems.
- 24.4.2 For each obsolescence risk, it needs to be decided what technology option is to be adopted, the support which is to be provided, the contracting arrangements needed, the maintenance policy which is implied and the identification of any consequential risks.

24.5 RENEWAL PLANNING

- 24.5.1 A renewal plan shall be determined for assets that have reached the end of its useful life.
- 24.5.2 The asset renewal-planning phase involves the assessment of existing assets and planned acquisitions against service delivery requirements.
- 24.5.3 All assets currently being used to deliver the service under consideration need to be identified and registered. How effectively these assets support service requirements also have to be determined.

24.6 DISPOSAL STRATEGY

- 24.6.1 COE shall establish a disposal strategy to determine the best mechanism of disposal for each asset.
- 24.6.2 Immovable property may be sold only at market related prices except when the public interest or the plight of the poor demands otherwise.
- 24.6.3 Moveable assets may be sold either by way of written price quotations, a competitive bidding process, auction or at market related prices, whichever is the most advantageous to COE.
- 24.6.4 In the case of the free disposal of computer equipment, educational institutions shall first be approached to indicate within 30 days whether any of the local educational institutions are interested in the equipment. If there is no need, computer equipment may be disposed of by another approved disposal mechanism.
- 24.6.5 In the case of the disposal of firearms, the national Conventional Arms Control Committee has to approve any sale or donation of firearms to any person or institution within or outside the Republic.
- 24.6.6 Immovable property is let at market related rates except when the public interest or the plights of the poor demands otherwise.
- 24.6.7 All fees, charges, rates, tariffs, scales of fees or other charges relating to the letting of immovable property are annually reviewed.

24.7 ALTERNATIVES TO DISPOSAL

- 24.7.1 Where assets have been identified as under-performing, or no longer functionally suited to programme delivery needs, consideration should be given to possible alternatives to disposal e.g. by adapting the asset to another function or using it in another programme; refurbishment or an upgrade of the asset may also be viable.

24.8 METHODS OF DISPOSAL

24.8.1 COE may:

- 24.8.1.1 Transfer an asset to another organ of state in terms of a provision of the MFMA enabling the transfer of assets, or
- 24.8.1.2 Transfer an asset to another organ of state at market related value or, when appropriate, free of charge, or
- 24.8.1.3 Donate
- 24.8.1.4 Sell the asset, or
- 24.8.1.5 Destroy the asset
- 24.8.1.6 COE shall ensure that where assets are traded in for other assets, the highest possible trade-in price is negotiated.

24.9 DISPOSAL DECISION

24.9.1 Asset disposal decisions are to be made within an integrated, service and financial planning framework. To make a disposal decision, the following documents are important:

- ☐ The obsolescence plan
- ☐ The renewal plan
- ☐ The list of unserviceable items
- ☐ The list of obsolete items
- ☐ The list of redundant items.

24.10 DISPOSAL PROCESS

- 24.10.1 As soon as it has been established that stores/equipment are unserviceable, obsolete and/or redundant, and that they should be disposed of, it shall be reported.
- 24.10.2 Once the decision is made to dispose of items, the disposal process dictates different procedures for obsolete or redundant items and unserviceable items.
- 24.10.3 The disposal certificate and disposal register shall be completed.

24.11 DISPOSAL OF CAPITAL ASSETS

- 24.11.1 COE may not transfer ownership as a result of a sale or other transaction or otherwise permanent dispose of a capital asset needed to provide the minimum level of basic municipal services.
- 24.11.2 COE may transfer ownership or otherwise dispose of a capital asset other than one mentioned above, only after the Council of COE, in a meeting open to the public made certain determinations.

SECTION 25 SUPPLY CHAIN PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT, RECORDING AND REPORTING

25.1 INTRODUCTION

- 25.1.1 COE shall submit to the National Treasury, Provincial Treasury and the Auditor-General such SCM information as they may require and in such format and at such intervals as specified.
- 25.1.2 COE will implement a system of performance measurement, recording and, reporting to facilitate the above and to promote good governance.

25.2 ASSESSMENT/MEASUREMENT OF SUPPLY CHAIN PERFORMANCE

- 25.2.1 Performance Management depicts the final element in the SCM cycle but should not be seen in isolation as the monitoring processes often occur concurrently with all the other elements in the SCM cycle. The process consists of a retrospective analysis to determine whether the proper process was followed and whether the desired outcomes were achieved.
- 25.2.2 The COE shall establish and implement an internal monitoring system in order to determine the basis of a retrospective analysis whether the authorized Supply Chain Management processes were followed and whether the objectives of this Policy were achieved.
- 25.2.3 Performance monitoring include, to:
 - 25.2.3.1 Measure performance in terms of achievement of SDM goals;
 - 25.2.3.2 Measure compliance with norms and standards;
 - 25.2.3.3 Determine savings generated;
 - 25.2.3.4 Determine cost variance per item to indicate the premium paid for promoting preferential objectives;
 - 25.2.3.5 Identify any breach of contract;
 - 25.2.3.6 Determine cost efficiency of the acquisition process;
 - 25.2.3.7 Determine whether SCM objectives are consistent with Government's broader policy focus;
 - 25.2.3.8 Determine whether the principles of co-operative governance as expounded in the Constitution are observed;
 - 25.2.3.9 Evaluate whether the reduction of regional economic disparities is promoted;
 - 25.2.3.10 Establish any non-compliance with contractual conditions and requirements; and
 - 25.2.3.11 Assess the efficiency of stores.
- 25.2.4 The performance management system shall accordingly focus on, amongst others:
 - 25.2.4.1 An effective SCM Performance Management System should be developed and implemented in accordance with departmental policies and procedures and applicable legislative requirements. Broadly speaking, SCM Performance can be measured in terms of the following:

- ☐ Suppliers of goods and services
- ☐ The SCM Unit
- ☐ Service Delivery Realisation and or Value for money

25.2.4.2 The Monitoring of Suppliers

25.2.4.3 The monitoring of suppliers should form the basis of Contract Management activities where certain aspects should be monitored and reported on. These reporting elements include but are not confined to the following:

- 25.2.4.3.1 A database of contracts awarded, conclusion of Service Level Agreements
- 25.2.4.3.2 Monitoring of the supplier according to the stipulations of the SLA,
- 25.2.4.3.3 Documenting any deviation or non-performance by the supplier,
- 25.2.4.3.4 It is also recommended that at the completion stage of each project, an assessment of the supplier/service provider (including consultants where applicable) be undertaken and that this assessment be available for future reference i.e. Close out Report with final payment made to supplier.
- 25.2.4.3.5 A review of the relationship with suppliers and the improvements needed to enhance efficiencies across the supply chain.

25.2.5 MONITORING OF THE SCM UNIT

25.2.5.1 The various elements of the SCM Cycle should be monitored for adherence to the relevant legislative requirements and internal departmental policy and procedure. The SCM Unit should further be monitored for key requirements under the following elements:

- 25.2.5.2 Monitoring and evaluation of SCM policy and its delegations, training obligations, the constitution of bid committees and all relevant statutory requirements;
- 25.2.5.3 Planning and budgeting for all procurement and service delivery needs;
- 25.2.5.4 Compliance to SCM policy and prescripts in respect of acquisitions; logistics; disposal and contract management;
- 25.2.5.5 Reporting requirements to key stakeholders
- 25.2.5.6 Service Delivery Realisation and or Value for money

25.2.6 MONITORING OF PROCUREMENT FOR:

- 25.2.6.1 The extent to which the objectives of the organisation were met through procurement activities i.e. Socio-economic targets, financial targets etc.
- 25.2.6.2 Adherence to the five pillars of procurement especially value for money, which is defined as the best available outcome when all relevant costs and benefits over the acquisition period is considered.

25.3 RECORD KEEPING

25.3.1 ARCHIVING OF PREDETERMINED TARGETS

- 25.3.1.1 COE shall gather as much information as possible on a continuous basis to adapt to the changing environment and Government's reporting requirements pertaining to SCM.
- 25.3.1.2 Keeping complete records pertaining to SCM will assist COE in their performance monitoring and reporting role.
- 25.3.1.3 Apart from records, COE should also maintain a proper filing system per case.

25.3.2 RECORD KEEPING STRUCTURE

- 25.3.2.1 The necessary information, to satisfy the internal and external reporting requirements, has to be kept in an orderly manner. The gathering of information and recording system shall provide for the type of information required, deadlines and the allocation of duties and responsibilities.
- 25.3.2.2 Please note that record keeping does not replace the normal filing system that contains the hard copy of each case.
- 25.3.2.3 The necessary records can be maintained either manually or electronically and does not have to be a formal register. As such a list or spread-sheet will suffice. Information can be incorporated into a single record where possible. The consolidation of the required returns and forwarding thereof has to be allocated to the responsible person or section.

25.3.3 RECORDS TO BE KEPT

- 25.3.3.1 Record of verbal and written quotations and formal written quotations
- 25.3.3.2 Verbal and written quotations:
- 25.3.3.3 Formal written price quotations
- 25.3.3.4 List of bid documents issued
- 25.3.3.5 Record of ad hoc bids
- 25.3.3.6 Record of Specific Term Contracts
- 25.3.3.7 Record of deviation processes
- 25.3.3.8 Record of complaints received from bidders or contractors
- 25.3.3.9 Record of declaration of interest
- 25.3.3.10 Record of gifts received
- 25.3.3.11 Record of instances of fraud or corruption
- 25.3.3.12 Record of irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure
- 25.3.3.13 Record of circulars distributed within COE

25.4 AD HOC REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

25.4.1 The CM of COE shall submit to the Council, the Gauteng Provincial Treasury, the National Treasury, the Department for Local Government in the Province or the Auditor-General such information, returns, documents, explanations and motivations as may be prescribed or as may be required.

Table 6

REPORTING OBLIGATION	REPORT TO
<input type="checkbox"/> If the CM is unable to comply with any of the responsibilities in terms of the MFMA, he/she shall promptly report the inability, together with reasons.	<input type="checkbox"/> Council
<input type="checkbox"/> The CM of COE shall report any deviations between this SCM Manual and the guideline standard.	<input type="checkbox"/> Council
<input type="checkbox"/> If COE procures goods or services as contemplated in section 110(2) of the MFMA, they shall make public the fact that it procures such goods or services otherwise than through its SCM system, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The kind of goods or service. ▪ The name of the supplier. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Shall make public

REPORTING OBLIGATION	REPORT TO
<input type="checkbox"/> If a bid other than the one recommended in the normal course of implementing the SCM policy is approved, the CM shall within 10 working days , in writing, notify the role players of the reasons for deviating from such recommendation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Auditor-General <input type="checkbox"/> Gauteng Provincial Treasury <input type="checkbox"/> National Treasury <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> If COE disagrees with comments from SITA in terms of MFMA Regulation 31(4), the comments and the reasons for rejecting or not following such comments shall be submitted to the role players.	<input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> National Treasury <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Treasury <input type="checkbox"/> Auditor-General
<input type="checkbox"/> The CM shall record the reasons for any deviations from the procurement processes and report them to the next meeting of the Council.	<input type="checkbox"/> The Council <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> If COE decides to consider an unsolicited bid, COE shall make its decision public and once COE has received written comments on this issue, it shall submit such comments, including any responses from the unsolicited bidder, to the role players for comment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If any recommendation of the Council, the CM shall submit within 7 days, to the role players the reasons for rejection or not following those recommendations. 	<input type="checkbox"/> National Treasury <input type="checkbox"/> Gauteng Provincial Treasury <input type="checkbox"/> Council
<input type="checkbox"/> The CM shall inform the role players in writing of any actions taken in terms of MFMA Regulation 38(1)(b)(ii), (e) or (f) (system abuse, fraud and corruption and contract cancellation).	<input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> National Treasury <input type="checkbox"/> Gauteng Provincial Treasury
<input type="checkbox"/> Officials or role players shall report to the CM any alleged irregular conduct in the SCM system which that person may become aware of, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any alleged fraud, corruption, favouritism or unfair conduct. ▪ Any alleged contravention of MFMA regulation 47(1) (gifts/rewards). ▪ Any alleged breach of the code of ethical standards. 	<input type="checkbox"/> CM

REPORTING OBLIGATION	REPORT TO
<input type="checkbox"/> The CM shall promptly report any alleged contravention of MFMA Regulation 47(1) and (2).	<input type="checkbox"/> National Treasury
<input type="checkbox"/> The CM promptly discloses any sponsorship promised, offered or granted to COE.	<input type="checkbox"/> National Treasury <input type="checkbox"/> Gauteng Provincial Treasury
<input type="checkbox"/> On discovery of any irregular expenditure or any fruitless and wasteful expenditure, the CM shall inform the Council, who shall promptly report, in writing, to the role players: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Particulars of the expenditure. ▪ Any steps that have been taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> To recover the expenditure. <input type="checkbox"/> To prevent a recurrence of the expenditure. 	<input type="checkbox"/> The Council <input type="checkbox"/> The Mayor and the Municipal Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Auditor-General
<input type="checkbox"/> The Council shall promptly report any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Irregular expenditure that may constitute a criminal offence. ▪ Other losses suffered by COE which resulted from suspected criminal conduct 	<input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Auditor-General <input type="checkbox"/> SAPS (if criminal offence)

25.5 MONTHLY REPORTING

REPORTING OBLIGATION	REPORT TO
<input type="checkbox"/> The CM or delegate shall report monthly on the following aspects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total procurement spend. ▪ Percentage of total spend directed towards BEE against target. ▪ Targeted percentage spend to be directed towards BEE ▪ All declarations of interest by the CM shall be made to the Council. ▪ Process disputes. ▪ Unsolicited bids considered and accepted with consent of other role players. ▪ The CM shall, on a monthly basis report on the management of contracts or agreements and the performance of the relevant contractors. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Council

25.6 QUARTERLY REPORTING

Table 7

REPORTING OBLIGATION	REPORT TO
<input type="checkbox"/> The CM shall within 10 days after the end of each quarter submit implementation reports on the SCM policy.	<input type="checkbox"/> The Council
<input type="checkbox"/> If it is not possible to obtain at least 3 written or verbal quotations, the reasons shall be recorded and reported.	<input type="checkbox"/> CM or another official designated by the CM
<input type="checkbox"/> Report of Unauthorised Irregular and Fruitless Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> The Council
<input type="checkbox"/> Reports of Non-awards	<input type="checkbox"/> The Council

25.7 ANNUAL REPORTING

- 25.7.1 The CM shall at least annually within 20 days of the end of the financial year, submit reports on the implementation of the SCM policy as contained in the SCM Manual to the Council within 30 days of the end of the financial year.
- 25.7.2 The CM of COE shall at least annually review the implementation of the SCM policy as contained in the SCM Manual, inform the Council of its correctness and applicability and, if necessary; submit proposals for the amendment of the Manual to the Council.
- 25.7.3 Disclose particulars of non-compliance with the MFMA from a SCM perspective.

Table 8

REPORTING OBLIGATION	REPORT TO
<input type="checkbox"/> The CM shall at least annually within 20 days of the end of the financial year , submit reports on the implementation of the SCM policy as contained in the SCM Manual to the Council within 30 days of the end of the financial year .	<input type="checkbox"/> Council
<input type="checkbox"/> The CM of COE shall at least annually review the implementation of the SCM policy as contained in the SCM Manual, inform the Council of its correctness and applicability and, if necessary, submit proposals for the amendment of the Manual.	<input type="checkbox"/> The Council
<input type="checkbox"/> The notes to the annual financial statements of COE shall:	

REPORTING OBLIGATION	REPORT TO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disclose particulars of any award of more than R2 000 to a person who is a spouse, child or parent of a person in the service of the state, or has been in the service of the state in the previous twelve months, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The name of that person. <input type="checkbox"/> The capacity in which that person is in the service of the state. <input type="checkbox"/> The amount of the award. ▪ Disclose the reasons for any deviations from the procurement processes. ▪ Disclose particulars of any material losses and any material irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure that occurred during the financial year and whether these are recoverable. ▪ Disclose particulars of any criminal or disciplinary steps taken as a result of such losses or such irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditures. ▪ Disclose particulars of non-compliance with the MFMA from a SCM perspective. 	

25.8 REPORTING TO NATIONAL TREASURY

25.8.1 SCM IMPLEMENTATION

25.8.1.1 COE shall continue to report to National Treasury on their progress in the implementation of SCM if there are any changes from year to year.

25.8.2 CONTRACTS REPORTING QUESTIONNAIRE

25.8.2.1 COE shall submit reports electronically (on the National Treasury PCI system) to National Treasury in respect of each contract above the value of R100 000 (all applicable taxes included) concluded during that month within 15 days of the end of each month.

25.8.3 IRREGULAR EXPENDITURE REPORTING

25.8.3.1 Report all irregular expenditure immediately to the National Treasury.

25.8.4 RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY COE

25.8.4.1 Report all restrictions imposed by COE immediately to the National Treasury.

25.8.5 UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS

25.8.5.1 Upon receipt of an unsolicited proposal, COE shall (in writing) notify the National Treasury contact person within ten (10) working days of such receipt.

25.9 REPORT TO THE DTI

25.9.1 COE shall, within 5 working days after the award of a contract that is in excess of R 10 million, submit details of such a contract to the NIPP section of *the DTI*.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

In terms of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003) ("MFMA"), the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality (CoE) needs to have a budget and treasury office. CoE's treasury office (Treasury) serves as internal banker of CoE and municipal owned entities (MOEs) and is, in general terms, responsible for cash management and borrowing. A policy has to be implemented to streamline and harmonise the activities and functions of Treasury. The areas of responsibility covered by Treasury, amongst others, include financial risk management, cash management, investments, financing, hedging, settlements, accounting and reporting.

This policy does not cover the functions of accounts receivable, accounts payable, financial accounting and reporting relating to the core operations of CoE. The purpose of this policy is to provide a comprehensive set of policy directives and guidelines to regulate Treasury and related activities of COE. In addition, it is also designed to provide an easy reference for any new staff member in Treasury and interested parties.

It is necessary that the contents of this policy be fully understood by all personnel in Treasury and all stakeholders. The awareness of controls and the extent to which they are interdependent is as important as their documentation.

For the purpose of asset-liability and financial risk management, Treasury, as instructed or when the need arises, reports to:

- The Asset and Liability Management Committee ("ALCO");
- The Audit Committee;
- The section 79 Committee;
- The Mayoral Committee; and
- COE Council.

TREASURY PURPOSES AND MISSION

The following statements have been adopted by Treasury and support the overall mission statement of CoE:

VISION

To provide effective and efficient financial services to CoE to ensure that its strategic objectives are met.

PURPOSE

To ensure prudent debt, cash management and financial risk management resulting in reduced borrowing at the most cost effective rate within the financial markets and regulatory framework in which CoE operates.

MISSION

Treasury shall achieve its objective by:

- Providing a cost effective and efficient service to all the relevant stakeholders.
- Striving to realise the highest possible investment returns for CoE, while at the same time aiming to ultimately eliminate its CAPEX backlog.
- Continuously monitoring and managing CoE's debt profile.
- Improve the debt profile of CoE to reduce the overall cost of borrowing.
- Keeping abreast with the latest available and applicable technology for the delivering of services.
- Continuously disseminating relevant, transparent and accurate information timeously to stakeholders.
- Marketing services internally and externally within the local government sector.
- Maintaining and continually improving staff, skills and expertise.

1.2 TREASURY POLICY STATEMENT

The Council, authorised personnel from Municipal Owned Entities, senior management of CoE together with Treasury staff have committed to this policy, which details a strategy and process of financial risk management that complies with relevant legislation, regulations and policies.

Effective financial risk management is imperative to any organisation. The realisation of CoE's business strategy depends on Treasury being able to take calculated financial risks within CoE's risk tolerance. Sound management of financial risk will enable CoE to anticipate and respond to changes in the market environment, as well as make informed decisions under conditions of uncertainty.

It is expected that financial risk management processes shall become embedded in the business systems and processes, so that the responses to risk remain current and dynamic.

Every employee within Treasury has a part to play in this important endeavour and is obliged to perform his/her duties within the parameters set by this policy.

1.3 ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF TREASURY

The objective of this section is to lay down the framework, which drives CoE's specific approach to its financial risk management and treasury activities.

The section is critical in shaping the overall environment for financial risk management and provides reference points against which future refinements and enhancements to Treasury can be measured. It is of paramount importance to note that financial risk management must be seen against the background of the King II Report (to be updated with King III) on Corporate Governance. The decisions taken by Treasury are merely a way of transacting investment, funding and hedging decisions in the financial market place and in accordance with the provisions of the MFMA. The role of Treasury is to provide liquidity to CoE and its MOEs by sourcing the most efficient financial instruments at the best price and to administer and account for such instruments within the bounds of this policy. It is important that Treasury personnel have the skills to support CoE's on-going financial risk management activities and to ensure that these are carried out in the best interests of CoE.

CoE's financial risk management activities can add value and provide the means by which stakeholders' requirements are met. Treasury may execute specific strategies when the Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO) has approved its recommendations, as and when required, given the market conditions and provided the required approvals have been obtained.

Treasury activities of CoE and MOEs shall be centralized.

Treasury comprises of 4 core sections as outlined below

TREASURY ARCHITECTURE			
FRONT OFFICE	MIDDLE OFFICE	BACK OFFICE	INVESTOR RELATIONS
Market Interface	Risk Identification	Settlements	Stakeholder Communication Strategy
Execution	Valuations	Reconciliations	Reputational Risk
Structuring	Risk Measurement	Accounting	
	Risk & Cashflow Analysis	Reporting	
	Risk Monitoring	Bank Account Administration	
	Risk Reporting	Loans Administration	
	Compliance		
	Training & Risk Awareness		
	Development of Risk Strategies		

1.4.1.1 FRONT OFFICE

A. DEFINITION

The front office in municipal environment is different from that of normal banking or fund management office. Our area where the execution of trading and funding activities are performed is headed up by Head of the division, dealing and comprises of the capital market, money market and strategic dealing desks.

The driver of this process is:

1. The surplus cash because of daily cash flow analysis and monitoring of income inflows and expenditure outflows.
2. The overall strategic funding policy that would drive the CoE to meet targets and to accumulate cash for future projects and funding requirements,

B. ROLES

Market Interface

This involves relationship management with both counterparties and institutional investors to support cash management, funding and hedging activities. This would include regular funding report back sessions and road shows to market participants.

Management - Head of Division

Execution – money market

The money market dealer transacts all vanilla (ordinary) money market products and instruments with a view of enhancing the returns on surplus cash and managing the money market investment portfolio.

Execution – capital market

The capital market dealer transacts all vanilla fixed income products and instruments with an objective of optimizing all long-term borrowings.

Execution – strategic dealer

The strategic dealer performs all valuations and pricing on both vanilla and structured products to establish their viability, as well as managing CoE's hedge book. The strategic dealer also compiles the CAPEX funding plan in conjunction with CoE's Budget Office.

1.4.1.2 MIDDLE OFFICE

A. DEFINITION

The middle office is the area where Treasury's financial risk management and compliance activities are performed.

B. ROLES

Risk identification

This involves the acknowledgement of all the Treasury financial risks that CoE could potentially be exposed to give the nature of its operations and objectives.

Valuations and risk measurement

Independent valuation of all transactions that shall be used for financial risk management and accounting processes shall be conducted. This will also include scenario analysis on all the positions to quantify CoE's financial risk exposure.

Risk and cash flow analysis

This involves the creation and maintenance of financial risk and economic databases that are used to provide context within which financial risk limits are set and exposures taken are evaluated. Provision of consolidated cash-flow financial risk management analysis will also be performed.

Risk monitoring

Financial risk exposures across CoE are evaluated against financial risk limits and exceptions are reported upon.

Risk reporting

This involves systematic design and generation of financial risk reports that present financial risk exposures, limits and performance data in a format that allows for ease of analysis.

Compliance

This entails the provision of assurance on compliance with legislation and policies.

Training on risk awareness

Financial risk awareness interventions and the provision of education on financial risk will take place.

Development of Risk Strategies

This involves the development of strategies to mitigate potential risks.

1.4.1.3 BACK OFFICE**A. DEFINITION**

The back-office acts as a general support unit within Treasury.

B. ROLES**Settlements and confirmations**

This involves the independent settlement of transactions that were executed in the front office and the settlement and drafting of loans relating to CAPEX to MOEs.

Reconciliations

This involves daily reconciliations of dealing activities, including reconciliation of the bank account against transactions executed.

Accounting and reporting

This involves the posting of positions, valuations and accruals arising out of settled transactions and all the other accounting activities for Treasury.

Reporting**Bank account administration**

Administration of bank accounts externally and internally.

1.4.1.4 INVESTOR RELATIONS

A. DEFINITION

The Investor Relations unit seeks to market the Treasury division as a plausible vehicle in managing the finances of CoE. It seeks to market the Treasury as the engine room from where CoE's finances are managed in accordance with prevailing guiding statutes. This entails creating relationships with the investor community to the extent that they think of CoE as their priority when needing to diversify their portfolios, be it in the short- or long-term horizon. Through focusing on pro-active, continuous, and transparent communication, the investor relations unit strives for market leadership in the local government arena.

B. ROLES

The Investor Relations unit is active over a large segment of CoE's value chain, and in collaboration with the Communications and Marketing department, the unit is constantly looking for ways to add value beyond media relations. It entails such communication as changes in financial, credit ratings and overall policies of CoE including changes to senior Treasury management.

We seek to develop a channel through which investors can contact as a point of departure for any investment needs within CoE and provide a service that has a specific added value for our customers, in enhancing CoE's mandate of delivering services to the local communities it services. This frequently involves close joint development efforts from all stakeholders.

From an investor relations perspective, this unit aims to safeguard the business of the Treasury through sound communication strategies and aims to maintain a strong investor focus that eliminates and/or minimizes CoE's reputational risks. This vision, links, is tied to and compliments the overall Marketing Strategy of CoE and City events. The Investor Relations unit, therefore, serves as the mouthpiece for all Treasury communication that is released to both the investor community and the public domain.

1.5 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF POLICY

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Chief Financial Officer to ensure congruence with changing needs, technology, evolving regulatory standards with the MFMA, Investment regulations, and private sector best practices. The process to be followed for the annual revision of the policy will be via the committee system of Council as part of the annual Budget Process.

CHAPTER 2

2 PRINCIPLES

The following statements of principle provide a framework underpinning CoE's approach to financial risk management. It serves as points of reference for the further development of Treasury's functions and activities and indicates CoE's understanding of the broader aims and purposes of treasury management.

CoE needs to manage the risks for the following reasons:

- Strategic considerations such as the protection of vulnerable business units, financial and other assets of CoE.
- To assist CoE in achieving its budgeted income and expenditure levels.
- The maintenance of sound liquidity levels such that optimal returns on surplus cash are realised and interest on borrowings are minimised.
- Ensuring that CoE's investment grade rating is maintained or improved by ensuring that accounting ratios fall within required limits.
- To identify continuity risk within strategic business units (knowledge sharing & skills transfer).
- To ensure sustainable financial viability of CoE by avoiding the occurrence of unnecessary/uncontrolled losses that could arise because of exposure in the financial markets. Adverse fluctuations if not properly controlled, could weaken the overall financial position of CoE.
- To protect the financial position of CoE.
- To assist the Metro's MOE's and departments in identifying various financial risk elements which fall out of CoE's risk parameters and devising appropriate control measures.

2.1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 2.1.1 CoE will comply with corporate governance guidelines in line with the requirements of applicable legislation as practiced in South Africa.
- 2.1.2 Treasury will act as internal central banker for the departments and municipal owned entities through the issue of notional loans and deposits at market related rates.
- 2.1.3 CoE will engage in financial market activities through its centralized treasury division.
- 2.1.4 Treasury will act as the principal borrower and investor for CoE's and its municipal owned entities' overall funding requirements to ensure that the most favourable terms, conditions and rates are obtained. This is also done to ensure that all the borrowings are centralised and that CoE's primary debt management is maintained.
- 2.1.5 Where necessary, CoE will provide securities or guarantees for the municipal owned entities' operational requirements, e.g. leases of premises.

2.2 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

- 2.2.1 The financial risk management of CoE shall be subject to relevant legislation and policies.
- 2.2.2 The financial risk management activities must ensure a consistent approach to financial risk management to support business objectives and activities.
- 2.2.3 Before undertaking any activities, Treasury must ensure that all financial risks are identified for financial risk management and reporting.
- 2.2.4 CoE's financial risk management activities shall add value and provide a means by which the stakeholders' requirements are met.
- 2.2.5 CoE's financial risk management system and process must be robust in respect of financial risk and financial market activities".
- 2.2.6 CoE has financial market exposure on both its assets and liabilities and these risks shall be managed jointly, considering the impact of adverse movements in financial market prices on net income.
- 2.2.7 CoE has financial market exposure on both its assets and liabilities and these risks shall be managed jointly, considering the impact of adverse movements in financial market prices on net income.
- 2.2.8 Treasury is responsible for monitoring all financial markets risk to which CoE may be exposed, identifying opportunities for natural set-off or risks and managing the resultant net exposure in the most cost-effective manner.
- 2.2.9 Hedging activities shall only be undertaken by Treasury in accordance with the provisions of relevant legislation.
- 2.2.10 Implemented financial risk management strategies should ensure robust outcomes, so that a high degree of certainty regarding their outcome is achieved across a wide spectrum of possible rate and price movements, thereby eliminating undue adverse risks, while taking appropriate account of relevant short- and long-term costs. To achieve the above CoE believes that an acceptable low-cost risk approach shall be adopted, and that Treasury should therefore operate as a cost centre and not a profit centre.
- 2.2.11 Treasury should have performance measures for all its financial activities and such criteria must be linked to both external benchmarks e.g. market rates as well as internal benchmarks such as the budget and net income.
- 2.2.12 Treasury should act responsibly and remain aware of on-going market developments to ensure that it continues to develop in a manner that provides clearly identifiable benefits to CoE over the long term.
- 2.2.13 Treasury shall only transact business with approved counterparties, either directly or by making use of brokers/intermediaries who can add value to CoE's business without increasing the associated risk.
- 2.2.14 CoE should treat counterparties fairly and apply high ethical standards in a competitive environment.

CHAPTER 3

3 POLICIES

There are various financial risks facing an organization, on a regular basis, which necessitate vigilance and precautionary measures. These include liquidity risk, interest rate risk and credit risk, of which liquidity risk is the most critical for CoE. These financial risks are managed within the principles laid down by CoE and the specific policies addressing each of the financial risks.

The Treasury Policy consists of the following policies:

- Liquidity Risk and Cash Management Policy
- Funding Policy
- Investment Policy
- Interest Rate Risk Policy
- Credit Risk Policy
- New Instruments Policy
- Foreign Exchange Risk Policy
- Inflation Risk Policy
- Treasury Back Office Policy
- Dealing Policies
- Information Risk Management Policy
- Asset-backed Finance Policy
- Procurement Policy
- Ring-fencing Policy
- Process flow audit Policy

3.1 LIQUIDITY RISK AND CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY

3.1.1 DEFINITION

Liquidity refers to the ease with which an organisation can mobilise funds. Liquidity risk, therefore, is the risk that CoE may not have funds available to meet promptly all maturing liabilities, including demand deposits, off-balance sheet commitments or any other financial obligations on a cost effective and on a timeous basis.

Mismanagement of liquidity will have quicker and more severe repercussions than any other risks. Thus, remaining liquid is a precondition for achieving the required business objectives.

3.1.2 POLICY

- 3.1.2.1 Making appropriate use of cash management and forecasting systems.
- 3.1.2.2 Reviewing economic forecasts and information on a regular basis to ensure the optimal utilisation of cash.
- 3.1.2.3 Implementing a formal strategy for the management of liquidity risk while recognising the cost implications thereof.
- 3.1.2.4 Performing daily and long-term cash flows analysis regularly to avoid severe and unforeseen cash outflows.
- 3.1.2.5 Determining a minimum liquidity buffer by Treasury and approved by CoE that shall be used as a source of liquidity to meet the aggregate net cash outflows for CoE for the ensuing [55 days] in the event of COE not being able to generate enough working capital surpluses.
- 3.1.2.6 Such proportion of an investment portfolio as may be determined by Treasury shall consist of liquid instruments that may be used to settle any unforeseen fluctuations in the cash flows.
- 3.1.2.7 The funding portfolio should consist of money market instruments and working capital surpluses. The quality of the funding portfolio may be enhanced by using, amongst others, the instruments as referred to in the Investment Regulations. Working capital is required to ensure cash availability to fulfil operating requirements of the Metro.
- 3.1.2.8 In line with National Treasury recommendations, the difference between current creditors and current debtors must be retained in cash as working capital.
 - Depreciation: The depreciation cost item (net after offset depreciation) is to be appropriated towards the following cash expenditures:
 - Redemption of external loans
 - Investments made to provide for the redemption of external loans
 - Capital funded from revenue
 - Any amounts left from the depreciation cost item (net after offset depreciation) after the above has been provided for, must be retained in cash to fund future asset renewals. This is to be done via the Capital Replacement Reserve.

The following instruments may also be used:

- *bridging finance,*
- *re-allocation of funds between portfolios and*
- *establishing short term facilities with approved counterparties.*

3.1.3 CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY

The improved accuracy of forecasts brings transparency, lower cost of funding and provides a realistic reporting framework. Entities, in conjunction with the Core departments are encouraged to document the Cashflow management guideline process to ensure continuity. Projections should be a true reflection of risks faced by the organization or department.

Bridging Finance Mechanisms

In assisting Treasury to identify and manage daily liquidity gaps, entities are required to submit:

1. The 3 months rolling daily cash projections adjusted on a weekly basis.
2. The cash flow projections will be benchmarked against the approved budgeted monthly targets.

To manage daily liquidity gaps the following facilities are utilized:

1. General banking facilities which incur the cost as agreed between COE and counterparty banks.
2. Short-term loans which incur the cost of *Jibar + up to **[250]** bps.
3. Commercial paper which incurs the cost of Jibar + up to **[60]** *bps (depends on investor appetite and market conditions).
4. Overdrafts which incur the cost as agreed between CoE and counterparty banks.

In the event where all available facilities are exhausted due to liquidity constraints, Treasury will seek the necessary approval to defer payments, hence accurate projections will assist in proactively managing and advising the organization on unfunded liquidity gaps.

* The **Johannesburg Interbank Agreed Rate (JIBAR)**: is the money market **rate**, used in South Africa. It is calculated as the average interest **rate** at which banks buy and sell money market instruments.

* Basis points (Bps): one hundredth of one percentage point (used chiefly in expressing differences of interest rates).

Long Term Cash flow (12 months)

The purpose of the long-term projections is to identify long-term cashflow risks such that appropriate mitigations are timely implemented.

In assisting monitoring and oversight committees, it is imperative that all entities put processes in place for recording and reconciling actuals against projections for submission to Treasury. The submission to Treasury should be to **[treasury@ekurhuleni.gov.za.]**

- The long-term cash flow projections should be submitted at the beginning of each financial year or when requested by Treasury.

3 months Rolling Cash flow

- All entities (MOEs and Core) must submit daily 3 months rolling forecasts to
- Treasury via email to: **[treasury@ekurhuleni.gov.za.]**
- Daily 3 Month Rolling Cashflow projections should be submitted by 12h00 noon at the beginning of each week (Monday) or when requested by Treasury.
- No projections will be acceptable unless submitted as per the approved template.

Variance explanations

Upon request by Treasury, variance explanations pertaining to the 12 months' annual cashflows forecasts (Budget vs forecast vs. actual cash movements) must be provided per Treasury's requirements.

Sweeping of Bank Accounts

- All accounts should be swept to the Treasury bank account as per section 13 of the MFMA.
- All bank balances must have positive balances at financial year end.

FUNDING POLICY

3.1.4 DEFINITION

The funding policy is aimed at ensuring that CoE procures enough and cost-effective funding to achieve its capital expenditure objectives in an optimum manner. The funding policy shall be adhered to in the procurement of funding for CoE having due regard to the assets and liability maturity profile of CoE.

3.1.5 POLICIES

- 3.2.2.1 The funding plan shall be reviewed at least once a year and when the need arises.
- 3.2.2.2 New funding requirements determined by the business plans and reflected in the approved budgets shall be contained in the funding plan.
- 3.2.2.3 Funding sources may consist of:

Capital Market Facilities	Municipal bonds and commercial paper Primary loans Secondary loans Term loans Bank short-term facilities
Money Market	Commercial paper Repurchase agreements (Repos) Negotiable certificates of deposits (NCDs) Deposits Promissory Notes
Specialized Finance	Asset Backed structured finance Project finance Public Private Partnership Structured finance Securitisation Export Credit Agencies
Bridging Finance	In terms of cash flow requirements
Government Funding	Grants
Revenue	Internal generated funds

3.2.2.4 The authority to assume any financial liabilities, both on and off-balance sheet, shall be vested with COE's Accounting Officer or an official to whom such authority has been delegated. All financial liabilities (on and off balance) shall be arranged, structured, sourced and managed by the Group Chief Financial Officer through the Treasury Directorate. No other COE's Department or MOE can source, arrange, structure or manage any financial liabilities with balance sheet implications.

3.2 INVESTMENT POLICY

All investments made by CoE or by an investment manager on behalf of CoE must be in accordance with the provisions of this investment policy of CoE and the Investment Regulations promulgated in terms thereof in *Government Gazette* No. 27431 dated 01 April 2005 ("Investment Regulations").

The investments of CoE funds must also be conducted in terms of the provisions of the MFMA. Section 13 of the MFMA deals with cash management and investments.

Section 13 (2) of the MFMA provides that " *A municipality must establish an appropriate and effective cash management and investment policy in accordance with any framework that may be prescribed in terms of subsection (1)*".

Section 13 (2) makes it mandatory for COE to have a cash management and investment policy in place whose objectives shall be to deal with cash management and investments.

The investment of funds must be carried out and deposited with the authorized counterparty and COE must ensure that the financial institution is financially sound.

To determine the financial soundness and creditworthiness of the investment managers with which CoE does business, a credit model of the counterparty concerned must be crafted.

The duly authorized officials must ensure that they determine the soundness and viability of any counterparty before investing funds with the investment manager.

The duly authorized officials may, from time to time, request the counterparty concerned, to furnish CoE with its financial statements for the past three (3) financial years or any other relevant information.

Treasury staff must ensure that they are familiar with any secondary legislation relevant to CoE's investment of funds promulgated, from time to time, in terms of the MFMA.

3.2.1 CASH FLOW ESTIMATES

The duly authorised officials must determine, before money is invested and the term of investment is fixed, whether there will be surplus funds available during the term of the investment.

To be able to make investments for any fixed term, it is essential that cash flow estimates be drawn up.

3.3.2 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The duly authorised officials shall, under no circumstances, invest funds with an investment manager that is not licensed in terms of the *FIAS Act or any other relevant legislation.

The duly authorised officials shall only invest funds in the permitted investment types as set out in the Investment Regulations.

Investments shall not be undertaken for speculation purposes.

CoE may make an investment only if the investment is denominated in Rand and is not indexed to, or affected by, fluctuations in the value of the Rand against any foreign currency.

* The Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act (37 of 2002) affects the way in which a Financial services provider (FSP) conducts business and interacts with Consumers and guides Consumers in their daily dealings with their chosen product provider.

3.3.3 APPROVED INVESTMENTS

CoE may invest funds only in any of the following investment types:

- (1) securities issued by the national government;
- (2) listed corporate bonds with an investment grade rating from a nationally or internationally recognized credit rating agency;
- (3) deposits with banks registered in terms of the Banks Act, 1990 (Act No. 94 of 1990);
- (4) deposits with the Public Investment Commissioners as contemplated by the Public Investment Commissioners Act, 1984 (Act No. 45 of 19984);
- (5) deposits with the Corporation for Public Deposits as contemplated by the Corporation for Public Deposits Act, 1984 (Act No. 46 of 1984);
- (6) banker's acceptance ("BA") certificates or negotiable certificates of deposit ("NCD") registered in terms of the Banks Act, 1990;
- (7) guaranteed endowment policies with the intention of establishing a sinking fund;
- (8) repurchase agreements with banks registered in terms of the Banks Act, 1990;
- (9) municipal bonds issued by a municipality; and
- (10) any other investment type as the Minister of Finance may identify by regulation in terms of section 86 of the MFMA, in consultation with Financial Services Board.

CoE may invest funds with any new institution. However, such new institution shall be in line with the requirements as prescribed by the MFMA and Regulations issued in terms thereof.

The repurchase agreements that may be entered into by CoE, must be aligned with and documented in the Global Master Repurchase Agreement ("GMRA") issued by the International Securities Master Association (ISMA).

3.3.4 CONTROL OVER INVESTMENTS

Treasury must keep and maintain an electronic investment register of all investments made. The investment register must contain at least the following information: - The name of the institution;

- The amount of capital invested;
- The date invested;
- The interest rate;
- The maturity date; and

- The name of Treasury staff member making the investment.

The investment register and accounting records must be reconciled on a monthly annual basis.

The investment register must be examined daily to identify investments falling due within the next few weeks.

The duly authorized officials must ensure that the invested funds are secure and, should there be any element of risk that such risk is evaluated and assessed realistically.

3.3.5 CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

CoE must take all reasonable and prudent steps consistent with its investment policy and according to the standard of care set out below, to ensure that it places its investments with creditworthy institutions.

Investments by CoE or by an investment manager on behalf of CoE-

- 3.3.5.1 must be made with such judgment and care, under the prevailing circumstances, as a person of prudence, discretion and intelligence would exercise in the management of that person's affair;
- 3.3.5.2 may not be made for speculation but must be a genuine investment; and
- 3.3.5.3 must in the first instance be made with primary regard being to the probable safety of the investment, in the second instance to the liquidity needs of CoE and lastly to the probable income derived from the investment.
- 3.3.5.4 all investments must be carried out in accordance with the Investment Regulations as stipulated in the MFMA.

CoE must regularly monitor its investment portfolio and when appropriate, liquidate an investment that no longer has the minimum acceptable credit rating as specified in its investment policy.

Any investment manager or counterparty CoE invests money with must undergo a thorough credit process which aims to check authenticity of the counterparty's operations, their liquidity stance and any risk framework in place to ascertain that any counterparty risk is eliminated.

3.3.6 PAYMENT OF COMMISSION

No fee, commission or other reward may be paid to a councilor or official of CoE or to a spouse or close family member of such councilor or official in respect of any investment made or referred by CoE.

If an investee (being an institution with which an investment is placed or its agent), pays any fee, commission or other reward to an investment manager in respect of any investment made by CoE, both the investee and the investment manager must declare such payment to CoE Council by way of a certificate disclosing full details of the payment.

3.3.7 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

CoE must constantly monitor the performance of funds regarding the returns. The performance must be monitored on a regular basis and measured against international best practices and benchmarks.

The duly authorized officials must ensure that there is growth in the capital invested with the financial institution by CoE. Should there be any reduction or lack of growth, the Treasurer should be informed and advised accordingly, and arrangements should be made to invest the funds with another institution that may produce positive results and increase the principal amount.

3.3.8 INVESTMENT MANAGERS

An investment manager is defined in the Investment Regulations as a natural person or legal entity that is a portfolio manager registered in terms of the Financial Markets Control Act, 1989 (Act No. 55 of 1989), and Stock Exchanges Control Act, 1985 (Act No. 1 of 1985), contracted by CoE to-

3.3.8.1 advise it on investments;

3.3.8.2 manage investments on its behalf; or

3.3.8.3 advise it on investments and manage investments on its behalf.

Any investment manager, with which CoE invests its monies, must be authorised to carry on the business of investments and be in possession of a valid license issued in terms of FIAS.

3.3.9 PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION

Upon identification of risks, CoE must take all reasonable and prudent steps, consistent with its investment policy and according to the standard of care prescribed above, to diversify its investment portfolio across institutions, types of investment and investment maturities.

3.3.10 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

3.3.11.1 The responsibility and risk arising from any investment transaction rests with CoE.

3.3.11.2 All investments made by CoE must be in the name of CoE.

3.3.11.3 CoE may not borrow money for investment purposes.

3.3.11 EXISTING INVESTMENTS

Nothing in the Investment Regulations compels CoE to liquidate an investment which existed when the Investment Regulations took effect on 01 April 2005 merely because such investment did not comply with a provision of the Investment Regulations.

3.3.12 VALUATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, trading and available for sale securities) is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by CoE should be the current bid offer price. The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market should be determined using valuation techniques.

CoE should use a variety of methods and assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each balance sheet date. Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments should be used for long-term financial assets. Other techniques, such as estimated discounted cash flows, are used to determine fair value for the remaining financial instruments.

To determine the fair values of floating rate instruments, CoE should use market forward rates to estimate future interest and capital cashflows, and market implied discount rates to calculate their present values. To determine the fair values of fixed rate instruments, COE should market implied discount factors to calculate their present values.

3.3 INTEREST RATE RISK POLICY

3.3.1 DEFINITION

Interest rate risk is the risk that exists in an interest-bearing asset, such as a (loan or bond) or (asset investment), due to the possibility of a change in the value or resulting from the fluctuation of interest rates. The interest rate risk management policy must identify and quantify interest rate risk and structure the assets, liabilities and interest rate hedges of CoE in order to reduce the impact of changes in interest rates on the profitability and net worth of CoE.

The interest rate risk is the risk that the value of CoE's asset to liability portfolio may be negatively affected by changes in interest rates. This policy provides guideline measures to assist in containing the negative impact of adverse interest rate movements on CoE's net income within the acceptable risk profile of CoE.

3.3.2 POLICIES

- 3.4.2.1 Interest rate risk shall be managed taking due cognisance of interest exposure and corresponding liquidity risk.
- 3.4.2.2 The decision whether to use fixed and/or floating interest rates shall be determined by the duly authorised official having regard to the sensitivity and term of the underlying assets and liabilities and nature of the interest rate environment.
- 3.4.2.3 Interest rate hedging instruments shall not be employed for speculative reasons and shall only be used as a financial risk management tool.
- 3.4.2.4 Interest rate hedging instruments must be taken out for the period that matches the underlying commitment or exposure provided that in the event of an early retirement of such underlying commitment or exposure, such interest rate hedging instruments shall be terminated accordingly.

3.4 CREDIT RISK POLICY

3.4.1 DEFINITION

Credit risk is the risk that CoE may incur when dealing with counterparties who may not be able to meet all or a portion of their commitments within a certain time, including the risk of default.

3.4.2 POLICIES

- New counterparties and credit limits must be approved by ALCO (Asset and Liability Committee)/CFO.
- Transactions shall only be conducted with approved counterparties and within the approved limits.
- Credit limits may, at the discretion of the Treasurer, be set for individual legal entities and not on a group basis.
- Credit limits and the utilisation thereof are confidential.
- The criteria used to determine the credit limits shall not be revealed to any counterparty under any circumstances.
- Recognised credit rating agencies, where possible, must be utilised in the credit evaluation process.
- There shall be continuous and constant monitoring of the credit quality of counterparties. Credit limits must be formally reviewed at least annually.
- Compliance with credit limits shall be monitored at least daily and transactions exceeding these limits must be immediately reported to the Treasurer.
- Credit limits of counterparties must immediately be reassessed by Treasury if adverse information regarding the counterparties becomes available.
- The following documents may be used in dealing with credit risk:
 - ISDA Master Agreement, ISDA Schedules and Confirmations;
 - ISMA (Global Repurchase Master Agreements).

3.5 NEW INSTRUMENTS POLICY

3.5.1 DEFINITION

Due to the increasing range and complexity of financial instruments, it is imperative to establish a procedure for approval of new instruments before their incorporation and use by Treasury.

3.5.2 POLICIES

New instruments shall only be used after a thorough evaluation of the instrument's characteristics and potential risks, subject to the provisions of the Municipal Investment Regulations, 2005.

An approval for an evaluation of a new instrument must be sought from Chief Financial Officer before initiation and the Treasurer must approve the use of new instruments to manage risk.

The evaluation process of new instruments must incorporate at least the following steps:

Instrument description	Describe in general terms the application that the instrument has, as well as the embedded components if the instrument comprises a combination of other instruments.
Risk	Describe all risk characteristics that allow the instrument to be utilised in Treasury's risk management activities. Counterparty and liquidity risk must be specifically highlighted.
Cash flow	Many instruments have similar risk characteristics, but different cash flows. Cash flow is often the determining factor between competing instruments and must be analysed as to timing, amount and predictability.
Accounting	The accounting treatment must be in compliance with COE's accounting policies.
Operational	An instrument specification must be prepared. This must be prepared and coordinated with Treasury Information Systems. The confirmation, settlement and custodian policies and procedures must be documented and agreed to by Treasury.
Control	Dealer and counterparty limits must be established. The format and content of exception reports, as well as the percentage-weighting factor for risk must be agreed upon by Treasury.
Legal	Draft documentation should be submitted to COE's Legal and Compliance Department for comment on the validity of entering into a transaction, as well as the legal consequences.
Taxation	Tax implications must be taken into account.
Testing	Where an instrument requires changes to systems or procedures, it must be tested before implementation.
Other	Any other relevant factors must be considered.

- The evaluation report, together with a covering checklist, must be submitted to ALCO/CFO for approval.
- When a new instrument has been approved, a copy of the approval must be circulated to all Treasury employees.

3.6 FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK POLICY

3.6.1 DEFINITION

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that adverse changes in exchange rates may cause a reduction in the income of COE.

3.6.2 POLICIES

Subject to the third paragraph below, CoE is not permitted to raise borrowings denominated in a foreign currency. However, certain operating expenses of COE may be paid for in a foreign currency.

Treasury must confine its activities to the transactions denominated in ZAR.

Approval to enter into foreign exchange transaction for the acquisition of goods and services must first be obtained from National Treasury and where applicable an application for Exchange Control Approval has to be sought from the South African Reserve Bank ("SARB").

The selection criteria for hedging foreign exchange transactions must be based on the mechanism which provides the best overall risk reduction; and is the most cost effective.

- Foreign exchange hedging instruments must be taken out for the period that matches the underlying commitment's exposure.
- Foreign exchange exposures must only be hedged once firm and determined commitments have been established.
- Foreign exchange commitments must be reported for consolidation and action in the annual financial statements, except foreign currency requirements for travel purposes.
- Foreign exchange transactions must comply with all prescribed with legislation, including exchange control approvals where necessary.

TREASURY BACK OFFICE POLICY

3.6.3 DEFINITION

The Treasury back office acts as general support to Treasury.

3.6.4 POLICIES

Confirmations

- Confirmations of deals must be done on the deal date.
- Where there is a confirmation dispute this must be queried immediately and dealt with appropriately by the duly authorised officials.
- Changes to deals or on deal slips, which have been entered into the system, shall not be permitted unless such change has been confirmed by the duly authorised officials, after thorough background analysis is undertaken.
- Confirmation discrepancies must be resolved before settlement can take place.
- Confirmations must be done on CoE letterhead and signed by the duly authorised officials.
- Confirmations from counterparts must be on the relevant counterparty letterhead and the signatures must be verified by the duly authorised officials.

Settlements

- Treasury must comply with the settlement procedures prescribed by CoE's appointed settlement agent and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange ("JSE").
- For capital market settlements, there must be an offsetting of the capital amount between the transacting parties.

- For derivatives settlements the interest must be settled and not the notional amount.
- All transactions must be recorded on the deal date.
- Settlement must take place on the settlement date.
- A maturity diary must be maintained to ensure that obligations are paid timeously.
- All payments must be authorised by the duly authorised officials.
- All settlements must be accompanied by a signed deal ticket and confirmation. All values being settled must match the confirmation and deal slip. Payments cannot be made unless all the proper documentation is in order.
- Payments must not be unreasonably withheld from any counterparty unless such withholding is authorised by the Treasurer because of a dispute or discrepancy.
- Officials who are authorized to use the electronic funds transfer system must approve all electronic transfers.

Accounting

- All transactions must be recorded accurately and timeously in the relevant accounting system.
- All journal entries must be checked and authorized by the duly authorised official prior to processing.
- All Treasury transactions must be in line with CoE's approved accounting policies.
- All reconciliation's between bank statements and the cashbook must be done and maintained daily.
- Reconciliations must be checked and signed off by the duly authorised officials.
- Monthly reporting must be done periodically as required by any regulatory or oversight body.

Sweeping Accounts

- All CoE's different bank accounts must be swept into one Treasury account unless the bank account was purposely set-up as ring-fenced account for specific purpose. Treasury must be aware of all sweeping and non-sweeping bank accounts.
- Interest must be accrued monthly. The sweeping accounts represent revenue income from the Customer care Centres (CCC).

Government Grants

- These are monies received from National and Provincial government per terms and conditions.

Safe Custody

- Treasury shall be accountable for the safe keeping of all negotiable instruments.
- Release of negotiable instruments shall only be released against a valid transaction signed by the duly authorised signatories.

3.7 DEALING POLICY

3.7.1 DEFINITION

Dealing risk is the risk of sustaining opportunity losses arising from:

- Negligence by dealers
- Equipment failure
- Inability to transact timeously
- Inappropriate dealing activities
- Fraudulent dealing activities
- Incorrect and delayed exposure reporting
- Ineffective communication

3.7.2 POLICIES

- The trading or dealing team has exclusive responsibility to conduct all capital, money, foreign exchange and derivative market activities.
- Deals must be done at CoE's dealing room or offices in Benoni or at alternate site as identified by relevant authorities in line with approved processes or policies.
- Detailed business continuity or disaster recovery plans shall be in place and tested if there is a failure or disaster that impairs the ability of the dealer to operate.
- Deals done, and positions taken shall be in authorised instruments and within authorised limits only.
- Information pertaining to CoE's trading activities is highly confidential and is not to be disclosed under any circumstances.
- Private account trading is prohibited in any markets in which CoE transacts.
- All regulatory restrictions must be complied with.
- All deals shall be immediately recorded on a deal sheet and immediately captured into the appropriate system.
- Dealing activities shall be undertaken within clearly predefined strategies and tactics.
- CoE's daily cash requirement is to be squared-off each day by 14:30.
- All positions must be reconciled before close of business each day.
- All profits and losses calculated must include the cost of financing cash shortfalls and the income earned on surplus cash.
- Cash flows must be reconciled with the money market dealer daily, who in turn, shall reconcile with the cash management section.
- All variances and projections must be explained to the Treasurer and [ALCO/CFO].
- The Treasurer has sole responsibility to resolve disputes in terms of transactions entered into with counterparties where the counterparty's interpretation of the transaction conflicts with CoE's interpretation and which result in CoE being adversely affected should the counterparty's interpretation be accepted. Should such a dispute arise, the dealer is to notify the Chief Investment Specialist immediately, who in turn must notify the Treasurer. Under no circumstances may any Treasury staff member resolve the dispute with the counterparty concerned except when authority is granted by the Treasurer.

INFORMATION RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

3.7.3 DEFINITION

This is the risk that CoE may incur a loss which may have a detrimental effect on CoE and/or its operations due to inadequate information management and appropriate architecture support within Treasury.

3.7.4 POLICIES

Treasury must adhere to the processes and/or policies of the Group Chief Information Office (termed OCIO) or such Information Technology department as approved by council.

3.8 ASSET-BACKED FINANCE POLICY

3.8.1 DEFINITION

Asset-backed financing may be structured based on a lease, instalment sale transactions, etc. There may be some flexibility in structuring the loan profile to suit specific needs. For example, the loan repayments can be structured to suit the cash flow requirements of CoE. This may be done by only making interest payments over the term of the financing and a bullet payment at the end of the lease term. There could also be a mixture of debt and equity in the structure depending on the type of asset being financed.

An asset may be used as security for loans and therefore if it falls out of favour or becomes outdated, that could create a problem for the financier (residual risk). The other issues that could pose risk with respect to asset-backed financing include:

- Change in the legal or regulatory environment/policies;
- The asset is damaged or destroyed;
- Market shocks and disruptions; and
- The entity fails i.e. both from the borrower's and the lender's point of view.

Terminating the transaction prematurely because of these issues can be costly.

3.8.2 POLICIES

The following must be considered:

- Asset based finance;
- Project finance; and
- Sale and leaseback of assets.

Municipal owned entities must be involved in project planning and project specific financing. In the event where Treasury needs to assess the viability of engaging in a Public Private Partnerships, municipal owned entities must furnish Treasury with all the information relating to their projects.

A thorough understanding of the project and determination of the optimum financing structure must be established, that is, issues such as gearing, etc. shall be considered whilst the cost of financing, shall be used as a benchmark for the financing proposals.

Once the project has been approved the request for financing proposals must be sent out to the market. Financial proposals received must be evaluated amongst other issues, on a cost and risk vs reward basis.

Implementation of the preferred financing strategy must ensure that:

- Internally generated funds (cash flow from operations), must be used to repay/redeem existing loans;
- Financing of any asset must match the life of the asset.

3.12 RING FENCING POLICY

DEFINITION

In the context of the City of Ekurhuleni (CoE), ring fencing refers to the identification, monitoring and placing of specific revenue for particular purpose. Revenue streams, in this instance, refer to revenue generated from municipal services rendered and grant funding.

Ring fencing is a process of assigning conditional grants funding and internally generated funds to specific purposes, to restrict its use. Treasury runs a single bank account, where all conditional grants received will be deposited into, and disbursements for the specified projects or purpose are made from the account to meet the specific expenditure.

Two spheres of ring-fencing revenue emanate:

- Ring fencing revenue for redeeming debt within a financial year and
- Ring fencing conditional grants for transparency purposes.

This policy sets out a framework to allow Treasury to efficiently identify incoming and outgoing funds for proper liquidity monitoring on ring fenced accounts.

RING FENCING OF REVENUE FOR DEBT REDEMPTIONS

As part of its operations for providing liquidity, City of Ekurhuleni's Treasury borrows short-term funds as a bridge against grants which tend to be received later in the financial year. Any borrowing is embarked on against expected future grant revenue stream. In this regard, each short-term borrowed liability gets matched against a specific grant to be received.

Because grants are paid in the City's operating accounts, care is taken to identify which grant was "pre-drawn" against expenditure.

Rules and Mechanics

Setting up of accounts

Upon recognition of high liability concentration risk from the constructed cash flow ladder, Treasury Risk together with Front office can set up a ring fenced account to redeem liabilities incurred on the basis of expected operating or capital grant inflows to be received in the future. This will be done in conjunction with the liability ladder as provided by Risk desk. Back office has to be notified on all accounts needed to be set up.

Deposits within accounts

Contributions into ring fenced accounts may be made in line with the Cash Flow Ladder which identifies underlying liability constraints. Surplus monies from operational cash flow will be used for deposits. Safe to state that preference for deposits will be given to those ring-fenced accounts matched to liabilities with shorter maturing durations.

Withdrawals from ring fenced accounts

The front office must notify risk office on any withdrawals it intends carrying out for operational liquidity provision. Each notice will be accompanied by a 'Withdrawal Notification' of which the template will be provided. A withdrawal will not be effected without a signed Withdrawal Notification by:

- An authorized signatory from Treasury Risk unit and/or
- The Treasurer
- At times the Treasurer may not be available to sign the notice. In such instances, an authorized signatory from the back office operations may sign the notice.

Note that there might be limitations on withdrawals; this phenomenon depends on the tenure of underlying liability maturities.

Any withdrawal notice should stipulate:

- *withdrawal amount*
- *the name of the ring-fenced account in question*
- *the initial balance intended for the ring-fenced account*
- *the remainder balance after withdrawal*

A) RING FENCING OF CONDITIONAL GRANTS

Departments & Entities, Merchant Payments and Treasury should be in a position to monitor and reconcile the grants as follows:

- Treasury normally receives the grants via the primary account and reconcile against the grants schedule.
- Grants will be ring-fenced at book level whereby all the monies go through the pool of investment accounts.
- In terms of ring fencing of funds, Treasury should keep an active record of the amount of the grant received belonging to the Department/Entity.
- City's Departments should reconcile and keep track of all their payments related to the grant, and the amount at any given point in time should not exceed the grants received.
- A monthly reconciliation supported by Grant Template will be carried out. The template will depict the amount of grants received and drawdown relating to specific project expenditure.

It is the responsibility of departmental finance heads to ensure that the values of the AUC (Assets under Construction) and/or Deferred Revenue are updated accordingly and the split between grant and non-grant funding is isolated based on their capital budget.

Upon request from Treasury, departments should submit a monthly reconciliation showing the monthly and year to date spending of the grant, the outstanding unspent cash amount of the grant, the AUC and Deferred Revenue based on the latest payments made.

3.13 PROCESS FLOW AUDIT POLICY

3.13.1 DEFINITION

The process flow audit is one of the mechanisms utilised to check the effectiveness of controls that have been put in place as well as ensuring that operational risk is minimised. The process flow audit helps to identify areas for improvement versus benchmark and best practice. The design of the operational controls affects the efficiency and security of the Treasury Department.

3.13.2 POLICIES

Treasury Risk is responsible for conducting a process flow audit for the Front, Middle and Back Office.

- The effectiveness of treasury internal control environment should be confirmed annually on the basis of the principles list below.
- Assess both the design and operating effectiveness of selected internal controls related to significant accounts and relevant assertions, in the context of material misstatement risks;
- Understand the flow of transactions, including IT aspects, enough to identify points at which a misstatement could arise;
- Evaluate controls over the period-end financial reporting process;
- Scale the assessment based on the size and complexity of the company;
- Conclude on the adequacy of internal control.

3.14 INTEREST RATE EXCHANGE POLICY

3.14.1 Interest Rate Swap Objectives

Interest rate swaps, in the context of CoE's financial operations:

- Reduce or manage exposure to changes in interest rates on a financial transaction or in the context of the management of interest rate risk derived from CoE's overall asset/liability balance consistent with prudent debt and risk guidelines.
- May result in a lower net cost of borrowing with respect to CoE's debt or achieve a higher net rate of return on investments made in connection with, or incidental to the issuance, or carrying of CoE's debt obligations or other City investments.
- Manage variable interest rate exposure consistent with prudent debt practices.
- Manage exposure to changing market conditions in advance of anticipated bond issues (using anticipatory hedging instruments).
- Achieve more flexibility in meeting overall financial objectives than can be achieved in conventional markets.

3.14.2 Permitted Instruments

CoE may utilize the following financial products on a current or forward basis, after identifying the objectives to be realized and assessing the attendant risks.

- Interest rate swaps, including (i) pay fixed/receive floating swaps (fixed rate swaps), (ii) receive floating/pay fixed swaps (floating rate swaps) and (iii) pay floating/receive floating swaps (basis swaps). Swaps may include option features, such as for the extension, cancellation, or index conversion of the swap.
- Interest rate caps, floors, and collars.
- Stand-alone options to enter into swaps (swaptions) on a particular date, series of dates, or during a particular period of time in the future.

3.14.3 Conditions for the Use of Interest Rate Swaps

Each Agreement and Transaction will be entered not for purpose of speculation, but solely in connection with the financing activities of CoE.

- A. General Usage** Interest rate swaps may be used to lock-in a fixed rate or, alternatively, to create additional variable rate exposure. Interest rate swaps may be used to produce interest rate savings, limit or hedge variable rate payments, alter the pattern of debt service payments, or for asset/liability matching purposes.
- B. Call Option Value Considerations** When considering the relative advantage of a fixed rate swap to fixed rate bonds, the value of the call option that would typically be purchased for the fixed rate bonds shall be compared to the incremental present value of the savings from using a swap. This shall be done to ensure the benefit from use of the swap will provide enough compensation to offset the expected value of any foregone future refunding savings.

3.14.7 Hedge Accounting Policy

DEFINITION

A hedging relationship qualifies for hedge accounting if, and only if, all of the following conditions are met:

1. At the inception of the hedge there is a formal designation and documentation of the hedging relationship and the entity's risk management objectives and strategies for undertaking the hedge. That documentation shall include identification of the hedging instrument, the hedged item or transaction, the nature of the risk being hedged and how the entity will assess the hedging instrument's effectiveness in the offsetting the exposure to changes in the hedged item's fair value or cash flows attributable to the hedged risk.
2. The hedge is expected to be highly effective in achieving the offsetting changes to the fair value or cash flows attributable to the hedged risk, consistently with the originally documented risk management strategy for the particular hedging relationship.
3. For cash flow hedges, a forecast transaction that is the subject of the hedge must be highly probable and must present an exposure to variations in cash flows that could ultimately affect profit or loss.
4. The effectiveness of the hedge can be reliably measured, i.e. the fair value or the cash flows of the hedged item that are attributable to the hedged risk and the fair value of the hedging instrument can be reliably measured.
5. The hedge is assessed on an ongoing basis and determined to have been highly effective throughout the financial reporting periods for which the hedge was designated.

It is therefore management's responsibility to ensure that the above requirements are met in order for the entity to apply hedge accounting for SWAP transactions.

CHAPTER 4

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

All personnel within COE's Treasury department shall abide by the City of Ekurhuleni's Code of Conduct. A copy thereof could be attained from the relevant Human Resources Office.

CHAPTER 5

5 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The following legislation guide Treasury:

5.1.1 Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003) ("MFMA")

In terms of section 80 of the MFMA, every municipality must have a budget and treasury office.

Section 81 of the MFMA vests the Chief Financial Officer with the powers over the budget and treasury office.

Most of the provisions of the MFMA came into effect on 1 July 2004. On 1 July 2005, section 179(1) of the MFMA came into operation and repealed the provisions of the Local Government Transition Act, 1993 ("LGTA") referred to below.

Section 8 of the MFMA makes provision for the designation of the primary bank account. Treasury manages the primary account. All the sweeping arrangements with the MOEs are conducted via this account. COE's primary account resides with the City's commercial banker. The commercial banker is appointed for a period of five (5) years. The appointment of the commercial banker is made through a competitive bidding process as set out in the MFMA: Supply Chain Management Regulations.

In terms of sections 38, 39 and 40 of the MFMA, the National Treasury may stop the transfer of funds due to a municipality as:

- (i) an allocation; or
- (ii) a share of the local government's equitable share of budgeted funding, but only if the municipality commits a serious or persistent breach of the measures established in terms section 214(c) or 216(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

In terms of section 45 of the MFMA, the City can incur short-term debt. Treasury must oversee this process and incur debt on behalf of CoE. The relevant resolution of the City Council must be obtained before Treasury can bind CoE to agreements.

In terms of section 46 of the MFMA, CoE may incur long-term debt for the following:

- 5.1.1.1 re-financing existing long-term debt; and
- 5.1.1.2 capital expenditure.

Section 46(3) of the MFMA provides that the accounting officer of the City must, at least 21 days prior to the meeting of Council at which approval for the debt is to be considered, make public an information statement setting out the of the proposed debt. This subsection of the MFMA must be read in conjunction with section 21A of the Systems Act. The information statement must be broadcast on the radio and on the newspapers circulating within the jurisdiction of the City. Treasury must ensure that this process takes place.

Regarding long-term debt, it is instructive to note that COE may issue bonds. When COE issues bonds, it must comply with other relevant of legislation.

The investment of CoE's funds must be conducted in terms of the MFMA. Section 13 of the MFMA deals with cash management and investment. Section 13(2) provides that "*A municipality must establish an appropriate and effective cash management and investment policy in accordance with any framework that may be prescribed in terms of subsection (1)*".

Section 13(2) makes it mandatory for a municipality to have a policy in place whose objective shall be to deal with cash management and investment.

The investment of funds must be carried out in terms of the provisions of the Policy and be deposited with an authorised and approved financial institutions and CoE must ensure that

the financial institution is financially sound. To determine the financial soundness and viability of the financial institution with which CoE carries out its business, a credit rating of the institution concerned must be obtained. The long-term investments must be made with an institution with a minimum of BBB rating. Short-term investment, on the other hand, should be made with an institution with a minimum of B rating.

The Municipal Investment Regulations are attached hereto as Annexure "A".

5.2 Local Government Transition Act, 1993 (the LTGA)

The LGTA was promulgated to pave the way for local government legislation that has been passed since 1998 and for legislation that may still be promulgated in the future. The Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 ("the Structures Act") and the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act ("the Systems Act") have to a large extent replaced the content of the LGTA. Section 10G of the LGTA, which regulates municipal finance, is however still in force by section 93(4) (a) of the Structures Act read with section 179 of the MFMA. Section 10G of the LGTA remained in effect until 1 July 2005, when section 179(1) of the MFMA came into operation and repealed provisions of the LGTA.

Section 10G(8)(a)(i) of the LGTA provides that a municipality may obtain money and raise loans for capital expenditure budgeted for by the Council, including the payment of fees and expenses associated with the raising of such funds and any resolution tabled to raise funds shall require a majority of the members of the Council, provided that the Minister of Finance may by notice in the Government Gazette determine reasonable conditions and criteria with regard to the raising of loans by municipalities and such conditions and criteria may include the limiting or disallowance of such loans.

Section 10G(c) provides that any money borrowed by a municipality in accordance with that subsection and the interest thereon shall be the financial obligation of the municipality concerned and shall be chargeable to and payable from the revenues and assets of that municipality.

In terms of conditions and criteria laid down by the Minister of Finance with regard to the raising of loans by municipalities in terms of section 10G(8)(a)(i) of the LGTA, a municipality may only raise loans for the purpose of financing capital expenditure which has been budgeted for and approved by Council in terms of the Resolution by it, specifying in respect of such loan, the specific items mentioned in paragraphs 2(1)(a) to (g) published under Government Notice R412 in Government Gazette 18764 of 27 March 1998 in terms of LGTA, of such conditions and criteria.

5.3 Exchange Control Regulations

The consent of National Treasury must be obtained in respect of the issue of tranches of notes as is contemplated in Exchange Control Regulation 16 of the Exchange Control Regulations, 1961.

The issue of any bearer notes, the acquisition and the disposal thereof are subject to the necessary exemptions having been obtained from National Treasury as contemplated in Regulation 15 of the Exchange Control Regulations. Treasury must ensure that these Regulations are complied with.

5.4 Securities Services Act, 2004

The fixed income debt (bonds) issued by COE must be listed with the authorised financial exchange, that is, the Bond Exchange of South Africa ("BESA"). BESA is regulated in terms of the Securities Services Act. Thus, it is incumbent upon Treasury to comply with this Act, and to ensure that other regulatory requirements stipulated in the Act are complied with.

5.5 Financial Intelligence Centre Act, 2001

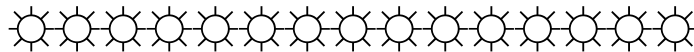
The thrust of this Act is to combat money laundering and organized crime. This Act must be read in conjunction with the Prevention of Organised Crime Act.

It is incumbent upon Treasury to furnish the financial institutions with the founding documents of COE, list of authorised signatories and the relevant details of the authorised signatories when requested thereto.

5.6 Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002

The financial institutions with which COE and particularly Treasury has dealings, must comply with this Act. It behoves Treasury to ensure that the relevant licences stipulated in the Act are complied with and forwarded to COE by the relevant financial institutions.

A copy of this Treasury Policy may be obtained from The Divisional Head of Treasury, City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, 4th Floor Sanburn Building, 68 Woburn Avenue, BENONI, 1501, Tel. No. (011) 999 6010.



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SECTION 67 FUNDS TRANSFER POLICY (Allocation of Grant-in-Aid)

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POLICY FOR THE ALLOCATION OF GRANTS-IN-AID

1. INTRODUCTION

Section 67 transfers or Grants is the allocation of funds from the Municipality's approved operating budget to organisations or bodies outside the sphere of government. These allocations are gratuitous transfers by the Municipality to the Grantee organisation and are not payments made in compliance with any commercial or other business transaction or to fund specific delivery agreements.

The projects, funded or part funded by these Grants can be as modest as community soup kitchens, food gardens, feeding schemes and early childhood development centers, aligned to the strategic objectives of the Department for SRAC and Health & Social Development Department.

Grants-in-Aid should not duplicate operations already provided for within Council or within the jurisdiction of Council.

2. DEFINITION OF CONCEPTS

In the Policy, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following meaning to be given to the words / terms:

“The Act” refers to the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003 (MFMA)

“Council” is the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality.

“CoE” refers to the City of Ekurhuleni

“Grant-in-Aid” means a discretionary financial assistance or grant or allocation, as referred to in Section 17(3)(j)(iv) of the MFMA, made by the Municipality to any organisation or body referred to in Section 67(1) and to be utilised to assist the municipality in fulfilling the Constitutional mandates including social development and arts and culture as set out therein.

“Early Childhood Development (“ECD”) Facility” means any place, building or premises, including a private residence, maintained or used partly or exclusively, for the reception, protection and temporary or partial care of more than six children that shall be registered, managed and maintained in terms of the Children's Amendment Act, 41 of 2007.

“Local Institution” refers to an institution based and/or rendering services within the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Area of jurisdiction

“Memorandum of agreement (MOA)” means the agreement entered into between the municipality and any organisation or body which receives a Grant-in-Aid in terms of this Policy.

“NGO” means a **non-governmental organisation (NGO)** means a non-governmental organisation (NGO) that is a legally constituted non-profit organisation that operates independently from any form of government.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS section 67 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (MFMA, Act 56 / 2003) requires a municipality to ensure that certain criteria and conditions are met before funds are transferred to an organisation outside any sphere of government, other than in compliance with a commercial transaction; and

WHEREAS a policy would give effect and provide guidelines as to which categories of organisations could apply to become beneficiaries; and

NOW THEREFORE the City of Ekurhuleni adopts the Section 67 Funds Transfer Policy for the allocation of Grants-in-Aid as set out in this document.

3. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 This Policy aims to provide a framework to regulate the allocation of Grants-in-aid to non-governmental organisations [NGOs], community-based organisations [CBOs] and non-profit organisations [NPOs] and bodies that are used by government as an agency to serve the poor, marginalised or otherwise vulnerable as envisaged by sections 12 and 67 of the Act, within the aligned to the strategic objectives of the Department for SRAC and Health & Social Development Department. The IDP represents the Ekurhuleni Community's needs and MUST be the guiding factor in developing these partnerships;
- 3.2 It complement the goals, objectives, programmes and actions of Council's IDP in order to create a sustainable, credible and caring town by empowering and building communities and enhancing growth and sharing through partnerships;
- 3.1 It improves the opportunity for Council to elicit the support of external organisations to deliver on those services to communities which fall within the Council's area of responsibility in a way which allows the town to create an enabling environment for community development;
- 3.4 The Policy provides the opportunity for developing methods of joint funding strategies with outside agencies such as matching funding or sponsorship partnerships to meet the objectives of a developmental local government;
- 3.5 A key objective of the scheme is to create sustainable partnerships between the municipality and deserving and qualifying institutions / organisations / associations / bodies to achieve the objectives of the municipality's Business Plan based on pre-determined priorities and specific focus areas of a financial year, outlined in the IDP. The municipality ensures this through funding sustainable projects for sound management of the municipality's financial affairs and specifically taking reasonable steps to ensure that the municipality maintains an effective system of expenditure control including procedures for the approval, authorization, withdrawal, and payment of funds.

4. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The power of the Municipality to allocate Grants-in-Aid is regulated in terms of *section 156* of the *Constitution*, read with *section 8* of the *Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 32/2000* (MSA). These provisions limit the power to make Grants-in-Aid in circumstances where it is reasonable and necessary for or incidental to the functions and exercise by the municipality of its powers.

The powers and functions of municipalities are set out in **section 156 of the Constitution**, read with **part B of Schedules 4 and 5 to the Constitution**. The Framework that regulates

the Grants-in-aid scheme is provided for in the following Sections of **the Act**:

Section 15 - a municipality may incur expenditure only –

- (a) in terms of an approved budget; and
- (b) within the limits of the amounts appropriated for the different votes in an approved budget.

Section 17(3) - when an annual budget is tabled in terms of **Section 16(2)**, it must be accompanied by the following documents:

- (a) Particulars of any proposed allocations or Grants by the municipality to-
- (b) any organizations or bodies referred to in **section 67 (1)**.

Section 65 requires sound and sustainable management of financial affairs of the municipality and specifically requires of the Accounting Officer of the municipality to take reasonable steps to ensure that the municipality has and maintains an effective system of expenditure control including procedures for the approval, authorization, withdrawal, and payment of funds.

Section 67 (1) - before transferring funds of the municipality to an organization or body outside any sphere of government otherwise than in compliance with a commercial or other business transaction, the Accounting Officer must be satisfied that the organization or body:

- (a) has the capacity and has agreed –
 - (i) to comply with any agreement with the municipality;
 - (ii) for the period of the agreement to comply with all reporting financial management and auditing requirements as may be stipulated in the agreement;
 - (iii) to report at least monthly to the Accounting Officer on actual expenditure against such transfer; and
 - (iv) to submit its audited financial statements for its financial year to the Accounting Officer promptly.

Section 67 (4), subsection (1) (a) does not apply to an organization or body serving the poor or used by government as an agency to serve the poor, provided –

- (a) that the transfer does not exceed a prescribed limit (*determined by the City of Ekurhuleni to be R100 000 (One hundred Thousand Rand)*); and
- (b) that the Accounting Officer –
 - (i) takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the targeted beneficiaries receive the benefit of the transferred funds, and
 - (ii) certifies to the Auditor-General that compliance by that organization or body with **subsection (1)(a)** is uneconomical or unreasonable.

5. CATEGORIES OF ORGANISATIONS / INSTITUTION ELIGIBLE FOR GRANT-IN-AID

The following categories currently apply but cognisance should be taken that these categories are not exhaustive and may be amended from time to time. Other than the general guidelines and conditions set out above, categories now indicated may require specific criteria applicable to its projects / programmes:

5.1 SPORTS, RECREATION, ARTS & CULTURE (SRAC) DEPARTMENT

GRANTS-IN-AID FOCUS AREAS AND SELECTION CRITERIA:

Focus Area	Priority areas for financial assistance
Arts, Culture and Heritage	Heritage management and preservations
	Film Development mass based
	Craft Development mass based
	Art development mass based
	Oral history projects
	Music Development mass based
	Visual art projects mass based
	Creative scriptwriters, actors, singers, choreographers, composers, designer's
	Individuals; Dance/Choreography, Music, Theatre/Drama, Multi-discipline and Visual Arts.
Library and Information Services	Reading Awareness programmes
	Literary development and promotion
	Digital Information literacy
	Writing and Publishing
	Community groups/ reading and book clubs
Sport and Recreation	Programmes promoting indigenous games
	Club Development
	Disability Sport
	Programmes promoting healthy lifestyle
Cross Cutting projects addressing the above focus areas of the department	Capacity Building and training
	Early Childhood Development programmes promoting sport, recreation, arts development and promotion of reading
	Programmes targeting women empowerment
	Programmes targeting senior citizens
	Social Cohesion
	Youth programmes
	Local artist and athletes' participation in national/International events, these will be considered on a case by case basis.

5.2 HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

GRANTS-IN-AID FOCUS AREAS AND SELECTION CRITERIA:

Number	Focal area
1	Cooperative (emerging Cooperatives)
2	Early Childhood Development
3	Capacity Building and skills development
4	Older Person's programmes
5	Disability programmes
6	Women's Programmes
7	Youth Development
8	Children programmes
9	Drugs and Substance Abuse
10	Poverty Alleviation (Income Generating)
11	Health and Health promotion programmes with exception of HIV and AIDS programmes
12	Men Development Programmes

The Health and Social Development Department strategy nexus is based on five strategic pillars that guide and influence the Grant-in-Aid implementation and policy outlook. The area of focus are as follows:

Client Centre Approach

The service to be funded should be aimed at addressing specific client needs and challenges and each client is unique and special as such. The client should be treated according to the needs that are presented. The services should not focus on what this institution aspired to achieve but on what clients' needs are and the maximum impact that the service would have on the client and to client support system.

Information, Education and Communication

The second pillar focuses on empowering the individual, groups and communities. The pillar looks at community education and prevention of ... of problems. It focuses on information, education and communication of social ills process to manager. The social ills and interventions that individuals, groups communication to access. It looks at the capacity building and human development, community education for empowerment, self-reliance, ownership, self-initiative and it emphasize development of more social networks and advice centers.

Advocacy

The third pillar looks at advocacy, this focal area is right based approach that emphasizes social justice, a minimum standard of living, equitable access and equal opportunities to services and benefits. A commitment to meeting the needs of all residents of the City with specific reference and emphasis on the needs of the most disadvantage. The pillar articulates the realization of Economic, Social and Culture rights, focusing, including the right to social assistance, anti-poverty strategies and to the development trajectory.

It looks at harmonizing Social and Economic activities to advance pro-poor approaches that promotes social investments in human capital development and building social capital through advocacy programmes (organizing awareness campaigns, sensitizing, advocating, building support structures and networks protecting rights and mobilizing communities)

Social Policy

The fourth pillar looks at development of cohesive social policy within a developmental local government. This pillar harness the effect of various intervention through all pillars. It focuses on knowledge, which include research within the Health and Social Development field to monitor and evaluate programmes presented, development of new knowledge for new service as new social ill emerge allowing departmental intervention's relevance.

The Social Policy pillars talks to relevance and appropriateness of interventions and policy outlook. It talks to the use of current numbers to planning and development. This pillars emphasizes the development of appropriate tools to capturing, recording, interpretation and correct data and extrapolation of data to the general residents and mitigation of interventions against the presenting problem or social ills.

Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development

The pillars focuses on re-mobilizing to achieve social empowerment and upliftment. The pillars strive towards ensuring that the residents of the city who were previously marginalized and or disadvantaged from the economy and had food insecurity are empowered and have access to economic opportunities.

It includes building of assets and infrastructure within communities, groups and individuals. This entails creating a conducive environment for the development of income generating projects, small scale farming projects, food generation that is household based (food garden) initiation, development and allocation of seed funding for cooperatives:

- Job Creation: (temporary, internship etc.)
- Food Security.

52% of the Grant-In-Aid will be focused on seed funding for cooperatives, Capacity Building and Social Development, training of identified beneficiaries within Indigent register. This will include accredited SETA Training Programmes:

- Catering and Food Management
- Standard Development in Production and Quality
- Conflict Management in Organization, discipline.
- Financial Management, book keeping
- Development of business plan and marketing tools for business, cooperatives and organization
- Leadership
- Fundraising
- Tender processes
- Entrepreneurship
- Contract management

5.3 Reference to the Economic Development related Priority Areas has been deleted completely!

6. GENERAL GUIDELINES, CONDITIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

6.1 General Guidelines -

- (a) The funding of applications shall proceed on the basis listed below in response to an advertisement issued by the Municipality after the expiry of the relevant period associated with the specific priority categories, after a compulsory application process and the required documentation have been submitted by the applicants and vetted by the Municipality, subject to each qualifying beneficiary signing a MoA, undertaking to comply with section 67 of **the Act**.
- (b) The Policy applies to all transfers of grants made by the Municipality restricted to deserving organisations and bodies serving, especially those working with the poor / marginalized / aged / youth / disabled / women or otherwise vulnerable people, as per the eligible Categories in 5;
- (c) Receiving a Grant-in-Aid, irrespective of the amount granted is a privilege AND not a right;
- (d) No precedent is established in respect of applicants who have been awarded Grants-in-aid before;
- (e) Funding of application will largely be considered on an annual basis in response to the annual advertisement inviting applications for the submission of Proposals for Grants-in-Aid;
- (f) No Grant-in-Aid applicant shall receive more than one Grant per financial year *[applicant Directorship Boards to be vetted]*.
- (g) A beneficiary of a Grant shall be subjected to the following cooling-off period(s) before they can be eligible to apply for a Grant-in-Aid again;
 - (i) 1 year: Sports, Heritage, Recreation, Arts & Culture department, *and*,
 - (ii) 1 year: Social Development department.
- (h) The submission of a fully completed application form is a prerequisite for consideration for the allocation of funding;
 - (i) All applications for Grants in excess of R100 000.00 (<One Hundred Thousand Rand), must submit their most recent audited financial statements, and,
 - (j) All applications for Grants less than R100 000.00 (one hundred thousand Rand) must submit certified Bank statements) and, a budget for the ensuing financial year.
- (k) Applicants must satisfy Council in their submissions about the cost-effectiveness of the project to be funded and a demonstration of their ability to execute such project successfully.
- (l) Tranche payments (staggered) will be made to ALL Grant beneficiaries to ensure the retention of control by Council where a beneficiary default in fulfilling the obligations in terms of the signed MOA (not complying to the terms), by withholding further payments (e.g. no expenditure report on the project impact have been submitted).

6.2 Special Conditions –

- (a) The applicant's key functional areas shall be those that are aligned to the responsibility of the Municipality, i.e. the applicant must be a non-profit institution / organization / body that is serving the poor, regulated in terms of section 67(4) of the *Act*, engaging in activities that support the municipality's Strategic Plan and Priorities, functioning in the fields where the Municipality itself is not actively or sufficiently engaged and where it is considered capable of delivering more effectively in terms of civic empowerment and value for money than the municipality could. Should this not be the case, the applicant will be advised to direct the application to the correct authority, e.g. the State, Provincial Government or other body;
- (b) The applicant must be a local institution/organisation (operating within Ekurhuleni) that contributes and/or that will contribute to the local community;
- (c) A local institution/organization that will contribute to any future commitment that may be imposed on the Municipality may also be considered;
- (d) The need for financial assistance, to be assessed from the applicant's certified financial statements, must be addressed;
- (e) The financial resources of the applicant may determine its prioritisation for assistance, provided that organizations that have built-up reserves for specific projects and which are self-sufficient will not be penalized;
- (f) The non-utilisation of assets, such as property, which could be sold to cover costs, may count against an applicant unless it forms a material source of the annual income;
- (g) The allocation of the Grant-in-Aid should further the rendering of equitable services throughout all communities of the Municipality to the extent appropriate;
- (h) A copy of the applicant's Constitution, latest financial statements (certified if it is a registered organisation), annual reports, business plan and budget estimates (to be submitted by all applicants) which clearly indicate the benefit to the historically disadvantaged within the Community in the form of Development Programmes, etc., to be attached to the application. Failure to attach the abovementioned document will result in such an application not being processed for consideration;
- (i) The applicant must submit a copy of their latest Municipal Services Account or obtain a certified letter from the Chief Financial Officer reflecting the status of the applicant's Municipal services account / debt repayment arrangement;
- (j) The applicant's Constitution must provide that any assets remaining in the event of dissolution of the organization shall be handed over to any charitable organization or society with similar objectives;
- (k) All applications to be verified by the relevant Department in the specific sector (verification of the existence of the organisation / body and the intended service is to be rendered, etc.)
- (l) All applications shall first be considered by the relevant allocating Department on the basis of their set criteria, in line with their individual strategic plan, *inter alia*, approved on this basis by the Grants-in-Aid Committee and is accordingly submitted to the Mayoral Committee for approval;
- (m) All the recipients of Grants shall in terms of section 67 of the Act be required to submit

monthly progress reports on how the Grant was spent, subject to the proviso that:

- (i) if the project is such that the expenditure is incurred once-off, then the expenditure report must be submitted immediately once the funds are exhausted and if the funds are expended as the implementation of the project progresses, monthly reporting is peremptory until the funds are all spent.
 - (ii) a final closing report not later than the end of the financial year of receiving the Grant, to be collated and submitted to Mayoral Committee, quarterly. Failure to submit progress reports / applying the Grant for a purpose different from the one its allocated may result in no consideration being given to future applications for a Grant and/or the Municipality taking legal action to recover the Grant allocated;
- (n) Any outstanding expenditure report on a previously allocated Grant will automatically disqualify such applicant for consideration for a Grant-in-aid;
- (o) Application of cooling-off period(s): An organisation/body receiving a Grant in a particular financial year can only re-apply for a Grant-in-Aid as follows:
- (i) 3 years: Economic Development Department.
 - (ii) 1 year: Sports, Heritage, Recreation, Arts & Culture and, Social Development Departments.

6.3 Exclusions - Funding will not be considered in the following circumstances:

- (a) If in Council's opinion an applicant receives sufficient funds from other sources to sustain its activities or the project applied for:
- (b) Applicants with Municipal services accounts in arrears in excess of R5000.00 are automatically disqualified from any future Grant-in-aid, except where the applicant's municipal services account is in arrears by less than R5000.00 and prior arrangement has been made with Finance to pay off arrears).
- (c) Where the applicant's place of business/offices are outside the Municipal boundaries, unless the project benefits the Ekurhuleni community or a specific group within the Municipal boundaries
- (d) Where only one individual will benefit from the funded project (*unless proof of job-creation and community benefit / impact, is attached to the close-up report*).
- (e) Where subsequent requests for Grant-in-Aid are to cover unauthorised overspending on projects.
- (f) Council reserves the right not to award any Grant to an organisation that cannot account for the expenditure of a previously awarded Grant-in-Aid.
- (g) Where an applicant seeks to establish a new organisation.
- (h) Where the application form was not completed in full by the applicant and not all documentation provided without a reasonable explanation.
- (i) Where the applicant is more than three months in arrears to Council (rates & Taxes).
- (j) Funding for a bursary or other related activities / resources. [Bursaries to individuals are dealt with in accordance with the Council's Bursary Policy].

- (k) For the purposes of disaster relief.
- (l) Indigent Grants.
- (m) Housing development subsidies.
- (n) Originations/Bodies receiving any other financial assistance offered by CoE.
- (o) Donation of assets, moveable or immovable.
- (p) Rewards and Awards.
- (q) Conditional Grants received by the Municipality, which are in turn awarded to outside organizations to perform the service function.
- (r) Inter-governmental Grants.
- (s) Political organisations and Civic Organisation, Rate Payers' Association or for any religious purposes;
- (t) Where expenses have already been incurred.
- (u) Subsidies for municipal rates/housing billing subsidies.
- (v) Where the application does not meet with the priorities, strategies and objectives set out in the IDP of the Municipality;
- (w) Funds to support transportation costs, salaries and other overhead costs, *and*,
- (x) No grant will be allocated under this Policy, to an organisation / body in cases where a member of Council or an Official of the Municipality or close relatives of the said individual stands to receive any financial or other gain.

6.4 Specific Conditions:

Crèches and Soup Kitchens:

- (a) Must be affiliated with a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) for service delivery.
- (b) Must be registered with the Department of Health & Social Development.

7. PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT

7.1 Advertisement process

The City Manager must, within three (3) months after the approval of the annual budget or an adjustment budget (in the event that additional funds becoming available), place a public advertisement in the main local newspapers distributed in the municipal area, calling for Proposals / applications to be submitted.

The advertisement to be published should clearly specify:

- (i) The categories for which Proposals are called.
- (ii) The closing date for submitting applications.
- (iii) Who the applications should be addressed to.

- (iv) Where and how to obtain the relevant application forms.
- (v) That Council reserves the right not to make any award.
- (vi) That organisations that have received Grants in previous financial year(s) must first submit a final close-up report on the projects previously funded, *and*,
- (vii) That only duly completed applications on the prescribed forms will be considered.

Funds may not be transferred to any organisation or body that has not submitted a Proposal in response to the public advertisement.

7.2 Standard Application process (ALL applications across the departments):

Applications for Grants-in-Aid shall be:

- (a) Made on the prescribed form;
- (b) signed by the Head of the Organisation or body and must include the following information:
 - (i) Date of application;
 - (ii) Contact details of the organisation or body;
 - (iii) Date established;
 - (iv) Type of organization;
 - (v) Registration number;
 - (vi) Details of previous funding received from the Municipality;
 - (vii) Details of other funding received from the Municipality;
 - (viii) Purpose or aim of Grant;
 - (ix) Detailed description of project to be implemented utilising the funding;
 - (x) Detailed breakdown of projected costs;
 - (xi) Details of sources of income and funding;
 - (xii) Banking details;
 - (xiii) References;
 - (xiv) Certification of details provided by senior person of organization;
 - (xv) Checklist of supporting documentation; and
 - (xvi) Declaration by the head of the organisation or nominee to the satisfaction of the City Manager that the organisation or body implements effective, efficient and transparent financial management and internal control mechanisms to guard against fraud, theft and financial mismanagement and has in the past complied with the requirements of similar transfer of funds

7.3 Screening process

Applications will be received and registered by the Customer Care Managers Offices and the Grant-In-Aid support services.

Screening will be conducted by a Committee of the relevant allocating Department/s confirming:

- (a) Site inspections should be conducted (verifying the existence of the organization)
- (b) Compliance with the criteria contained in this Policy;
- (c) Viability of the project;
- (d) Sustainability of the project;
- (e) That the project will be completed within the available funds;
- (f) That sufficient evidence of proper financial control will be exercised;
- (g) That applicants have demonstrated that it meets the goals of the IDP;
- (h) Individual applicants to assert / attach proof how the funded project will contribute towards job-creation and/or community benefit.
- (i) That applicants have demonstrated cost-effective measures and ability to execute the project successfully, achieve clearly defined outputs or outcomes and the ability to manage funds effectively;
- (j) That the applicants have agreed to:

- (i) Report monthly to the Accounting Officer on the actual expenditure;
- (ii) Submit audited / certified financial statements for its financial year;
- (iii) Implement effective, efficient and transparent financial management and internal control systems to guard against fraud, theft and financial mismanagement; and
- (iv) Have in respect of previous similar transfers complied with all requirements (if any).

The Committee of the line Department will make recommendations to the Council. Ad hoc applications may be considered as part of and in terms of the Council annual Budget Adjustment process.

7.4 Approval Process

The Mayoral Committee of the Council will consider the recommendations of the Grants-in-Aid Committee, as recommended by the prioritized Municipal Departments which will ensure that the applications:

- (i) Comply with the Policy criteria.
- (ii) Allocations are within the approved budgeted funds.
- (iii) Comply with the provisions of section 67, MFMA of 2003, *and*,
- (iv) Applicants' municipal accounts are up to date or if in arrears by an amount below five thousand Rands (R5000.00), prior arrangement for payment has been made with the Finance Department.

The Mayoral Committee of the Council will deliberate on the recommended applicants and make a final determination on the awarding of Grants, to be noted by the Full Council.

7.5 Award process

- (i) All applicants will be informed in writing of the outcome of their applications by the GiA Administrator (Corporate Legal Services Department).
- (ii) Where applicants are not successful, they must be informed accordingly, with reasons, within two weeks of the decision to decline their applications.
- (iii) Successful applicants will sign the Memorandum of Agreement.

7.6 Transfer Process

Payments will only be made once the payment agreement has been duly concluded.

Tranche payments of Grants will be transferred to the Bank account of the applicant in such instalments as agreed to in writing in the signed MOA and payment agreement. approved in terms of the applicable delegated authority.

7.7 Monitoring and Evaluation

The City Manager and the line Department are responsible for the monitoring and evaluation of the allocations, by ensuring that:

- (i) A pre-approval process shall be undertaken to ensure that the approved beneficiaries are compliant and have the capacity to spend and report as allocated, thus ensuring avoidance of a recurrence of the previous AG findings.
- (ii) Funds are used exclusively for the purpose defined in the signed Memorandum of Agreement;

- (iii) Monthly progress reports are submitted and reviewed;
- (iv) Section 67(4) related beneficiaries receive the benefit, by obtaining receipts of the actual expenditure incurred and any other appropriate evidence;
- (v) Where it is found that Grants are used in breach of the Agreement, the provisions of the Agreement must be invoked and the matter be reported to the City Manager, the Council or relevant Committee of the Council;
- (vi) A register of all Grants-in-Aid payments made in each Financial Year must be maintained.

8. PROCEDURAL AND REGULATORY OVERSIGHT

Section 67 requires the Municipality to implement and sustain proper and effective controls and procedures when allocating Grants to organisations. Compliance with the regulatory and control measures must be enforced by contractual and other appropriate measures.

This regulatory process will receive oversight and implementation by the responsible line Department on approval of the Grant allocations by the Mayoral Committee as recommended by the Grants-in-Aid Committee, and noted by the Full Council in line with the following guidelines:

- To put processes in place to monitor and follow-up on outstanding expenditure / close-up reports for the transfers, which reports will be **submitted to the Mayoral Committee, quarterly**;
- The applications must include evidence of quotations solicited that substantiate the proposed requested budget estimate, where the project involves the procurement of tools/equipment.
- Conduct **pre-approval site inspections** and **post-approval performance reviews on fully implemented projects**.
- The **prioritized departments** to allocate Grants **to ensure strict compliance with** the criteria set in the **section 67** Funds Transfer Policy in the allocation of Grants.
- The Grant-in-Aid **Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis**, concurrently with the budget-related Policies of the Municipality and all the particulars of Grants must be reflected in the budget and any adjustment budgets in accordance with section 17(3)(j) of the Act. Before transferring funds in terms of the Grants-in-Aid Policy, the provisions of section 67 of the Act must be complied with.
- Any Grant made in contravention of the abovementioned requirements is irregular expenditure and may also be considered in some circumstance as unauthorized expenditure and may attract consequence management. These funds would have to be **recovered** from the person liable for such expenditure in terms of **section 32 of the Act**.
- The GiA Framework endorsed by the GiA Committee, setting out clear milestones and deliverables of the GiA scheme, is attached as an Addendum to measure the process from planning until the implementation of the Project.

9. AGREEMENT

- Before any funds are transferred to an organisation / body / association, a Memorandum of Agreement must be concluded and signed by the delegated Council representative with the beneficiary to protect the interests of the Municipality.

10. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: COMMITTEE MEMBERS / OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE GRANT-IN-AID SCHEME

- **Legal Compliance:** Each Committee member / Official involved in the Grant-in-Aid scheme is required to sign a declaration of interest with regard to the following:
 - That he / she does not hold a position of Directorship / Partnership with any beneficiary organization awarded a Grant.
 - That he / she is not associated with the Directors/Partners of a Grant beneficiary organization.
 - That there is no conflict of interest between his / her personal interests as a Committee member / Official carrying out his duties on behalf of Council and, the interests of the beneficiary organization.
 - That the Official / Committee member warrants that he / she is not in any way whatsoever related to or associated with any of the funded beneficiaries.

11. DEVIATION FROM THE POLICY / THE ACT

This Policy and the applicable MFMA provisions constitute the entire Framework for the allocation of Grants-in-Aid.

Any allocations in deviation to the Policy and the Act will be regarded as null and void. The municipality shall take steps to recover the money awarded in cases where the allocation was done negligently or fraudulently. If the allocation was done in error, the municipality will institute proceedings against the recipient of the Grant to recover the funds allocated to avoid an irregular expenditure.

12. COMMENCEMENT

This Policy takes effect on the date on which it is adopted by the Full Council of the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality.

13. FRAMEWORK (Process-flow) FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE GRANT-IN-AID

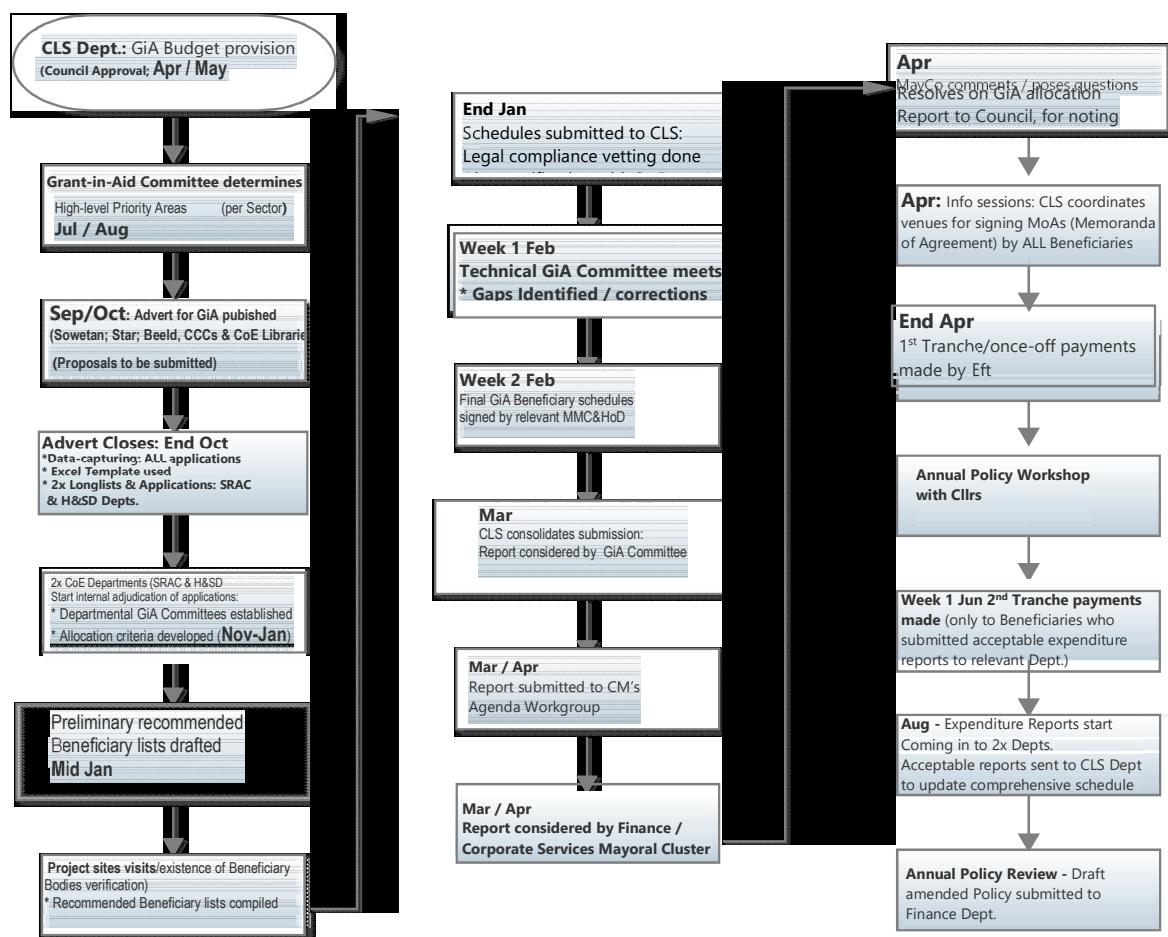
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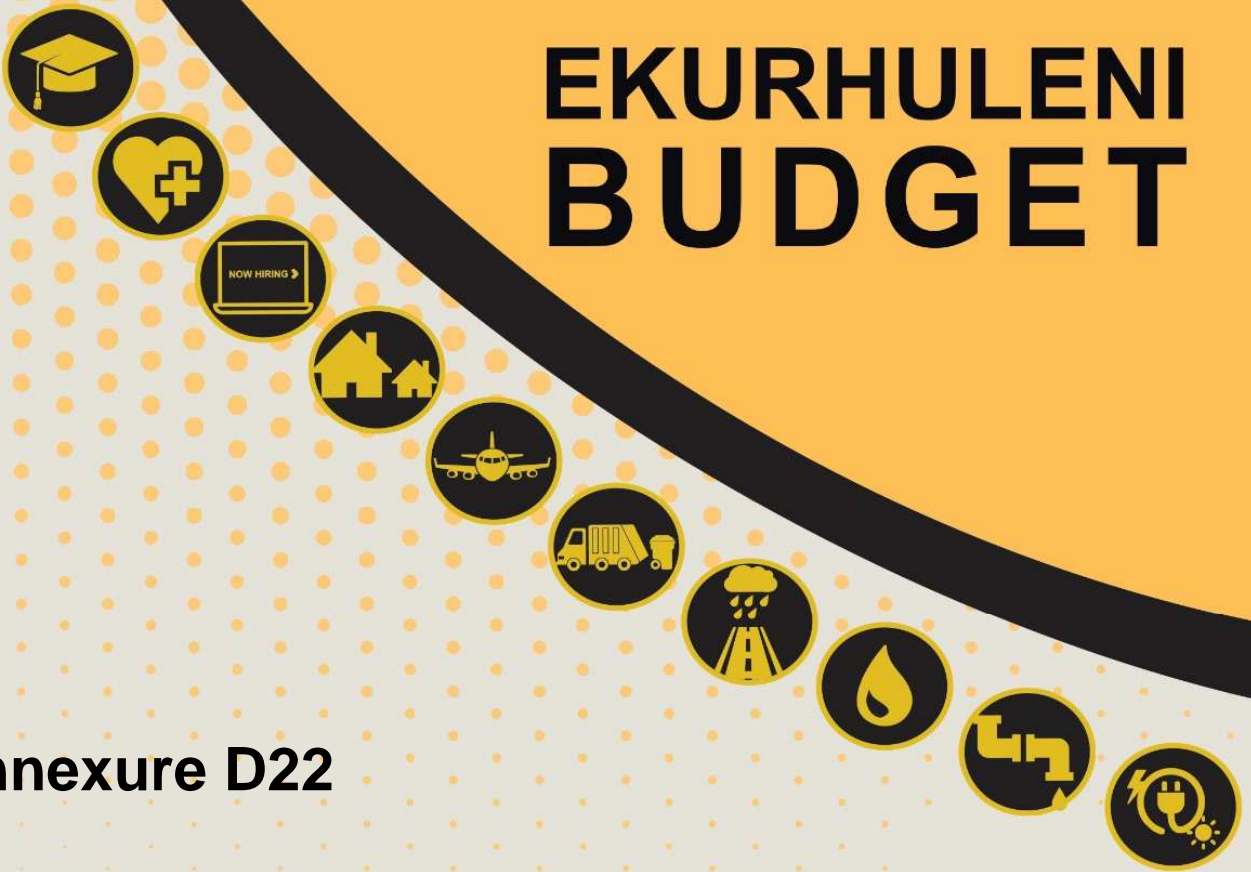
Section 67 Funds Transfer (Grant-in-Aid) Process-flow

PURPOSE OF THIS TOOL

The purpose of the Process-flow is to chart the implementation process of the administration of the Grant-in-Aid scheme of the City of Ekurhuleni, as well as the **allocation of Grants** to beneficiaries **by the Mayoral Committee**:



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ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

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ABBREVIATIONS

AO	Accounting Officer
AM	Asset Management
AMP	Asset Management Plan
ASB	Accounting Standards Board
COE	City of Ekurhuleni
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CM	City Manager
CMIP	Comprehensive Municipal Infrastructure Plan
COGTA	Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs
CRC	Current Replacement Cost
DRC	Depreciated Replacement Cost
EPWP	Expanded Public Work Program
EUL	Estimated Useful Life
GIAMA	Government Immoveable Asset Management Act
GRAP	Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice
IAMP	Infrastructure Asset Management Plan
IDP	Integrated Development Plan
IIMM	International Infrastructure Management Manual
ISO	International Standards Organisation
MFMA	Municipal Finance Management Act
MM	Municipal Manager
MSA	Municipal Systems Act
ODRC	Optimised Depreciated Replacement Cost
OHSA	Occupational Health and Safety Act
PPE	Property, Plant and Equipment
RUL	Remaining Useful Life
RV	Residual Value
SDBIP	Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan
SANS	South African National Standard
SAMP	Strategic Asset Management Plan
VAT	Value Added Tax
%	Percentage

1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document stipulates the policy of City of Ekurhuleni (COE) for the management of its Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE), Investment property, Intangible, and Heritage assets.

The procedures required to implement this policy are provided in the procedures document. The policy commits the municipality to establishing and maintaining an asset register that complies with the latest accounting standards, and managing the assets in a way that is aligned with the municipality's strategic objectives and recognised good practice.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Legal framework

The South African Constitution requires municipalities to strive, within their financial and administrative capacity, to achieve the following objects:

- a) providing democratic and accountable government for local communities;
- b) ensuring the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner;
- c) promoting social and economic development;
- d) promoting a safe and healthy environment; and
- e) encouraging the involvement of communities and community organisations in matters of local government.

The manner in which a municipality manages its PPE is central to meeting the above challenges. Accordingly, the Municipal Systems Act (MSA) specifically highlights the duty of municipalities to provide services in a manner that is sustainable, and the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) requires municipalities to utilise and maintain their assets in an effective, efficient, economical and transparent manner. The MFMA specifically places responsibility for the management of municipal assets with the Municipal Manager while the Chief Financial Officer is responsible for maintaining the asset register.

The Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) requires municipalities to provide and maintain a safe and healthy working environment, and in particular, to keep its assets safe.

2.1 Accounting standards

The MFMA requires municipalities to comply with the Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP), in line with international practice.

When compiling the asset register in accordance with the accounting standards, the requirements of GRAP cannot be seen in isolation. Various other accounting standards impact on the recognition and measurement of assets within the municipal environment and should be taken into account during the compilation of a GRAP compliant asset register. The applicable standards of GRAP are noted in section 6.

2.3 Management of infrastructure assets

Effective management of infrastructure and community facilities is central to the municipality providing an acceptable standard of services to the community. Infrastructure impacts on the quality of the living environment and opportunities to prosper. Not only is there a requirement to be effective, but the manner in which the municipality discharges its responsibilities as a public

entity is also important. The municipality must demonstrate good governance and customer care, and the processes adopted must be efficient and sustainable. Councillors and officials are custodians on behalf of the public of infrastructure and community assets.

Key themes of the latest generation of national legislation introduced relating to municipal infrastructure management include:

- a) long-term sustainability and risk management;
- b) service delivery efficiency and improvement;
- c) performance monitoring and accountability;
- d) community interaction and transparent processes;
- e) priority development of minimum basic services for all; and
- f) the provision of financial support from central government in addressing the needs of the poor.

Legislation has also entrenched the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) as the principal strategic planning mechanism for municipalities. However, the IDP cannot be compiled in isolation – for the above objectives to be achieved, the IDP needs to be informed by robust, relevant and holistic information relating to the management of the municipality's infrastructure.

There is a need to direct limited resources to address the most critical needs, to achieve a balance between maintaining and renewing existing infrastructure whilst also addressing backlogs in basic services and facing on going changes in demand. Making effective decisions on service delivery priorities requires a team effort, with inputs provided by officials from a number of departments of the municipality, including infrastructure, community services, financial planning, and corporate services.

COGTA has prepared guidelines in line with international practice, that propose that an Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (IAMP) is prepared for each sector (such as potable water, roads etc.). These plans are used as inputs into a Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) that presents an integrated plan for the municipality covering all infrastructures. The arrangements outlined in the COGTA guidelines are further strengthened by the provisions of the National Treasury's Local Government Capital Asset Management Guidelines.

Accordingly, the asset register adopted by a municipality must meet not only financial compliance requirements, but also set a foundation for improved infrastructure asset management practice.

This document provides the framework and policy directives in terms of which COE accounts for assets in a manner that satisfies the requirements of all relevant accounting standards. A procedures document focussing on the management aspects of assets will be prepared to give effect to Council's strategic objectives in a manner that employs industry best asset management philosophies and methods.

Recognised good practice in the management of infrastructure assets from across the globe has been increasingly documented over the past 10 to 15 years. In 2000, the World Bank cited practice in Australasia as representative of best practice and this has been captured in the International Infrastructure Management Manual (IIMM), and regularly updated with case studies from across the globe, including South Africa. In 2008 the British Standards Institute issued PAS 55 (a publicly available specification on asset management). The International Standards Organisation (ISO) drew on these documents to establish an international standard for infrastructure asset management (ISO 55000 series) that was published in January 2014. These ISO's were adopted in South Africa as SANS 55000 series in terms of the Standards Act. Progressive entities are expected to consider compliance with the proposed SANS as a benchmark for practice.

In-line with the requirements of SANS, SANS 55000 (Asset Management – Overview, principles and terminology) asset management is defined as “the coordinated activity of an organisation to realise value from assets”. The overarching goal of asset management (AM) is to manage assets in such a way that city strategic and customer service requirements are met in the most cost-effective manner for the benefit of present and future customers.

Key elements of infrastructure asset management in the South African urban space include:

- Providing defined levels and standards of service.
- Managing the impacts of changes in demand as well as changes in supply relating to climate change through spatial optimisation, demand management, infrastructure investment and other strategies.
- Adopting a full lifecycle approach to the management of infrastructure that includes cost-effective, long term strategies that meets defined service requirements.
- Optimising asset portfolios in relation to the desired spatial structure of the city.
- Identifying, assessing and managing risk in accordance with the risk appetite of the city.
- Pursuing optimised decision-making by (1) balancing opportunities, performance, costs and risks, (2) designing sustainable, net-benefit solutions that support the strategic objectives of the city and (3) by supporting long term city strategy through analysis of policy options, scenarios and other impacts.
- Developing long-term financial plans indicating lifecycle expenditure needs, probable revenue to be generated from asset portfolios, and how lifecycle needs are to be funded.

Figure A: Asset lifecycle management



The nature of asset portfolios (e.g. roads network, potable water system and real estate portfolio) in the city space tends to be characterised by longevity, with the lives of assets typically measured in decades.

Accordingly, AM is not only concerned with current customers and infrastructure, but also with sustainability and inter-generational equity.

So AM adopts a sustainable approach comprising lifecycle management over multiple human generations.

2.4 Policy principles

The Council and management team of COE will actively strive to implement the following principles in all asset management planning, decision-making and implementation activities:

2.4.1 Sustainable service delivery

The municipality shall strive to provide to its customer's services that are technically, environmentally and financially sustainable.

To this end, the municipality shall:

- identify a suite of levels and standards of service that conform with statutory requirements and rules for their application based on long-term affordability to the municipality;
- identify technical and functional performance criteria and measures, and establish a commensurate monitoring and evaluation system;
- identify current and future demand for services, and demand management strategies;
- set time-based targets for service delivery that reflect the need to newly construct, upgrade, renew, and dispose infrastructure assets, where applicable in line with national targets;
- apply a risk management process to identify service delivery risks at asset level and appropriate responses;
- prepare and adopt a maintenance strategy and plan to support the achievement of the required performance; and
- allocate budgets based on long-term financial forecasts that take cognisance of the full life-cycle needs of existing and future infrastructure assets and the risks to achieving the adopted performance targets.

2.4.2 Social and economic development

The municipality shall strive to promote social and economic development in its municipal area by means of delivering municipal services in a manner that meet the needs of the various customer user-groups in the community.

To this end, the municipality shall:

- regularly review its understanding of customer needs and expectations through effective consultation processes covering all service areas;
- implement changes to services in response to changing customer needs and expectations where appropriate;
- assess economic demand and timeously invest in bulk and distribution infrastructure as appropriate to unlock or facilitate economic growth;
- invest in a public transportation system that facilitates access to labour markets, allows for increased economic activity and opportunities, facilitates social integration; and supports spatial equity;
- invest in a range of social amenities that provide health, educational, sport and recreational benefits, thus improving the quality of life of residents;
- foster the appropriate use of services through the provision of clear and appropriate information;
- ensure services are managed to deliver the agreed levels and standards; and
- create job opportunities and promote skills development in support of the national EPWP.

2.4.3 Spatial efficiency

The city shall strive to mutually optimise its spatial structure and infrastructure configuration to deliver a quality, effective and efficient physical environment supportive of sustainable, inclusive development.

To this end, the municipality commits to:

- optimise existing infrastructure capacities in the city;
- adopt levels of services and asset lifecycle responses tailored to the desired status and outcomes for priority areas as envisioned in the City's Spatial Development Framework;

- prioritise infrastructure investment in locations that promote a compact, integrated city structure with the benefits of optimal economic functioning, citizen mobility and full realisation of social potential for all;
- consider the cost of development in various spatial locations; and to
- develop and implement spatially-based decision-making systems to ensure that infrastructure delivery maximises benefits to the community, and minimises negative financial, social, economic and environmental impacts.

2.4.4 Financial health and sustainability

The municipality shall strive to design and manage its asset portfolios and financial arrangements in such a manner that the city protects and expands the productive capacity and economic potential vested in assets as appropriate. Asset portfolio investment decisions shall be made with due consideration of both municipal and customer affordability, and aimed at long term financial resilience.

To this end, the municipality shall:

- Maintain an optimum composition of asset portfolios with an appropriate balance of revenue-generating assets to non-revenue assets, to ensure that the city is able to generate sufficient operating income to continue to deliver quality services;
- regularly review the actual extent, nature, utilisation, criticality, performance and condition of infrastructure assets to optimise planning and implementation works;
- assess life-cycle options for proposed new infrastructure in line with the requirements of the Standard for Infrastructure Procurement and Delivery Management, and the City's Supply Chain Management Policy;
- continue to secure and optimally utilise governmental grants in support of the provision of free basic services;
- review management and delivery capacity, and procure external support as necessary;
- assess and implement the most appropriate maintenance regimes for infrastructure assets to achieve the required network performance standards and to achieve the expected useful life of infrastructure assets;
- implement new and upgrading construction projects to maximise the utilisation of budgeted funds;
- ensure the proper utilisation and maintenance of existing assets subject to availability of resources;
- determine the extent of asset consumption as well as a long term programme of asset renewal;
- timeously dispose of infrastructure assets that are no longer in use;
- timeously renew infrastructure assets based on capacity, performance, risk exposure, and cost;
- maintain a positive asset sustainability ratio by aiming to fund and implement all required renewals in successive 10-year implementation periods; and shall
- determine and progressively implement cost-reflective tariffs, taking account of customer affordability, the needs of the poor and other relevant factors.

2.4.5 Environmental health

The municipality shall strive towards creating a climate adaptable, low carbon physical environment characterised by the efficient use of scarce renewable resources, extensive use of green infrastructure, and a pleasing natural environment that delivers multiple benefits to people.

To this end, the municipality shall:

- actively take steps towards curbing the loss of non-renewable resources such as water and energy to alleviate environmental pressures and also to avoid unnecessary expenditure;
- strive to manage demand through non-asset solutions where appropriate;
- investigate and progressively transition to a low carbon environment in the design, construction, operation, renewal and management of municipal infrastructure and facilities;
- investigate and progressively transition to technologies supportive of a low natural resource footprint in the design, construction, operation, renewal and management of municipal infrastructure and facilities;
- investigate and where technically and financially feasible, reduce waste outputs from municipal infrastructure processes and other operations related to the use of assets;
- as funding allows, progressively develop a multi-purpose integrated public open space system; and
- investigate and where feasible, implement green infrastructure solutions that support the climate change transition and that offers environmental and service delivery benefits, whilst also being aesthetically pleasing to humans and conducive to a quality physical environment.

2.4.6 Effective governance

The municipality will apply effective governance systems to provide for consistent asset management and maintenance planning in adherence to and compliance with all applicable legislation to ensure that asset management is conducted properly, and municipal services are provided as expected.

To this end, the municipality shall:

- establish, operate and commit to continually improve an asset management system for the management of assets, responsive to stakeholder and legal requirements;
- conduct regular and independent assessments to support continuous improvement of infrastructure asset management practice;
- develop and maintain a culture of regular consultation with stakeholders with regard to its management of infrastructure;
- prepare and annually update its strategic asset management plan and sectoral asset management plans;
- avail asset management information to stakeholders as appropriate;
- clearly communicate its service delivery plan and actual performance through its Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP);
- cultivate an attitude of responsible utilisation and maintenance of its assets, in partnership with the community;
- continuously develop the skills of councillors and officials to effectively communicate with the community with regard to service levels and standards;
- ensure that a long-term view is taken into account in infrastructure asset management decisions; and
- shall conduct internal audits to verify that the asset management system conforms to requirements, and delivers as expected.

Furthermore, the municipality is committed to continual improvement of its asset management system and asset management practices.

2.4.9 A safe and capable workforce

The municipality shall strive to develop an asset management-centric culture in which capable employees have the desire and required competencies to implement this policy, the city's asset management system, and asset-related activities. Further, the municipality is committed to providing its employees with a working environment that is safe and conducive for the nature of work activities to be undertaken.

To this end, the municipality is committed to:

- establish asset management competency requirements for officials involved in asset management decision-making, delivery and support;
- attract, employ and develop officials involved in asset management with the required competencies, including re-training of existing staff as necessary, in line with the drive towards professionalisation in the public sector;
- procure external professional services as necessary, ensuring that such professionals have the required competencies and capacities;
- cultivate an asset management centric culture, aimed at delivering value from assets to meet stakeholder requirements; and to
- assess facilities, assets and processes, identify risks and other hindrances to employee health, safety and productivity, and take appropriate steps to address such risks and other hindrances.

3. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this policy are for the municipality to:

- a) Comply with prevailing accounting standards;
- b) Provide a data platform that will support asset management practice in accordance with legislative requirements and recognised good practice.; and
- c) Establish the framework for asset management practice in a consistent manner and in accordance with the legislative requirements and recognised good practice.

4. APPROVAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE

The Group CFO is responsible for the submission of this document to Council to consider its adoption after consultation with the Accounting Officer. Council shall indicate the effective date for implementation of the policy.

5. POLICY AMENDMENTS

This policy should be reviewed annually and amended as and when necessary to ensure continued compliance with the relevant legislation and accounting standards.

Annual updates in line with GRAP standards will be approved by the Asset Management Project Steering Committee.

Any other changes to this document shall only become applicable if approved by Council. Any proposals in this regard shall be motivated by the Group CFO in consultation with the Accounting Officer and respective Heads of Departments. The recommendations of the Group CFO shall be considered for adoption by Council.

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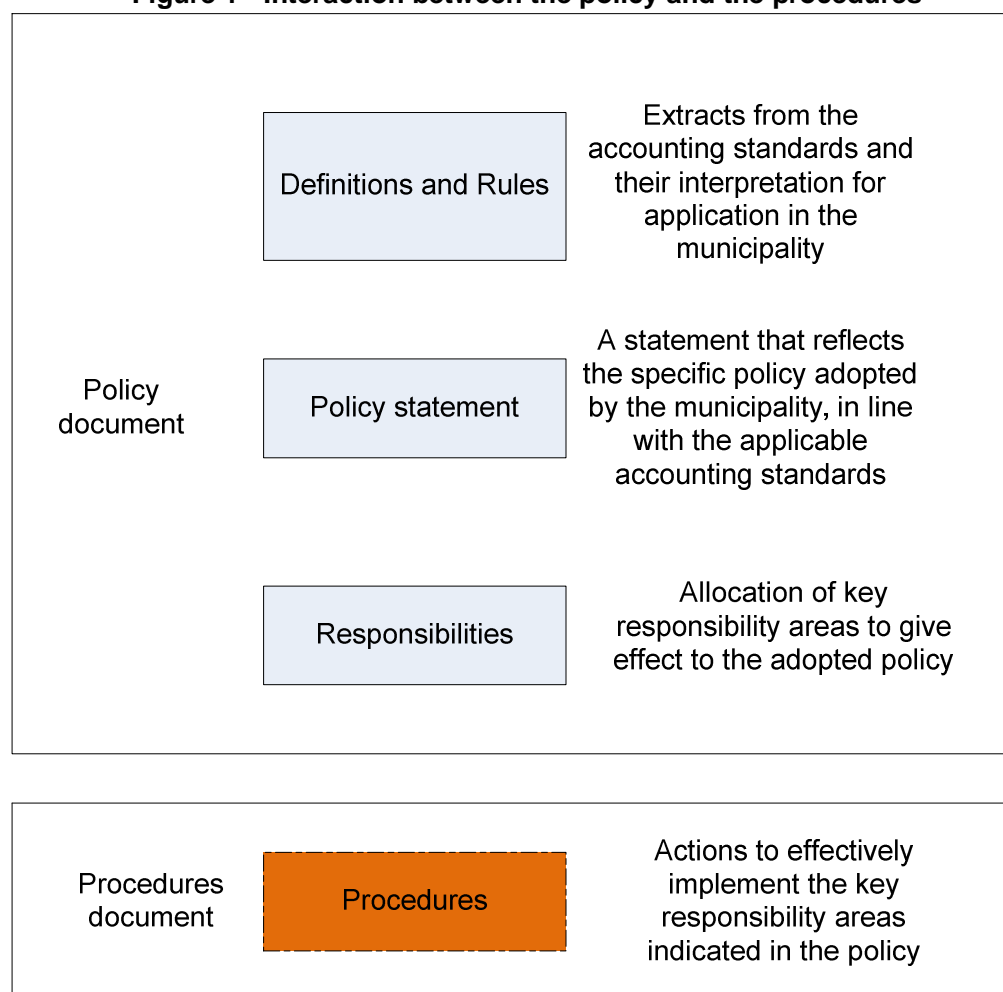
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7. POLICY FORMAT

Figure 1 gives an overview to the format of presentation of this policy document, and how it links to a separate document that provides the procedures.

Figure 1 - Interaction between the policy and the procedures



8. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Accounting Officer

The Accounting Officer of the Municipality (section 63 of the MFMA), shall be the principal custodian of all the Municipality's assets, and shall be responsible for ensuring that the asset management policy is meticulously applied and adhered to.

The Accounting Officer must ensure that:

- a) The municipality has and maintains a management, accounting and information system that accounts for the assets of the municipality;
- b) The municipality's assets are recognised and subsequently measured in accordance with the standard of generally recognised accounting practice (GRAP);
- c) the municipality has and maintains a system of internal control for the assets, including an asset register; and
- d) The Head of Departments and their teams comply with this policy

This policy shall be applied with the due observance of the municipality's policy with regard to delegated powers. Such delegations refer to delegations between the Accounting Officer and other responsible officials as well as between Council and the Executive Mayor and the Council and the Accounting Officer.

In accordance with the MFMA, the Accounting Officer of the municipality and all designated officials are accountable to him / her. The Accounting Officer is therefore accountable for all transactions entered into by his / her delegates. The overall responsibility for asset management lies with the Accounting Officer. However, the day to day handling of assets shall be the responsibility of all officials in terms of delegated authority confirmed in writing. The Accounting Officer may delegate or otherwise assign responsibility for performing these functions but will remain accountable for ensuring these activities are performed. All delegations in terms of this policy must be recorded in writing.

b. The Group Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

The Group CFO shall be the asset registrar of the Municipality (section 79 of the MFMA), and shall ensure that a complete, accurate and up-to-date computerised assets register is maintained.

The Group CFO must ensure that:

- a) Appropriate systems of financial management and internal control are established and carried out diligently;
- b) The financial and other resources of the municipality are utilized effectively, efficiently, economically and transparently;
- c) Any unauthorized, irregular or fruitless or wasteful expenditure, and losses resulting from criminal or negligent conduct, are prevented;
- d) The systems, processes and registers required to substantiate the financial values of the municipalities' assets are maintained to comply with prevailing accounting standards;
- e) Financial processes are established and maintained to ensure the municipality's financial resources are optimally utilized through appropriate asset plan, budgeting, purchasing, maintenance and disposal decisions;
- f) The Accounting Officer is appropriately advised on the exercise of powers and duties pertaining to the financial administration of assets;

- g) The senior managers and senior management teams are appropriately advised on the exercise of their powers and duties pertaining to the financial administration of assets;
- h) The Group CFO may delegate or otherwise assign responsibility for performing these functions but will remain accountable to the Accounting Officer for ensuring that these activities are performed. The Group CFO has delegated this authority to the Divisional Head: Financial Reporting.

c. Divisional Head: Financial Reporting

Since the Group CFO has delegated the necessary authority to the Divisional Head: Financial Reporting to ensure effective and efficient implementation of this policy, in terms of section 82 of MFMA, the Divisional Head: Financial Reporting must exercise due financial management in terms of section 78 of the MFMA.

The Divisional Head: Financial Reporting shall keep an asset register in which all property, plant and equipment, heritage assets, intangible assets, investment property and other material assets owned or leased by the municipality, together with their appropriate carrying amounts.

The Divisional Head: Financial Reporting shall co-ordinate the submission of all integrated portfolio items for the Group CFO to report in accordance with municipal requirements.

d. Asset Management Unit (AMU)

The Divisional Head: Financial Reporting discharges his / her responsibility through the Asset Management Unit (AMU). This section consists of officials that operate at corporate level. The AMU officials are a specialized team responsible for the centralized overall asset accounting management. The officials in this AMU are however not the custodians for physical assets that are dedicated to a specific Head of Department.

Some critical duties of AMU include the following tasks:

- a) Perform asset accounting in the asset registers and programme tests for asset verification to ensure that assets in the assets register and physical assets present a true reflection of COE's assets.
- b) To ensure that the asset information presented to any relevant committee(s) is a correct representation of information in the asset registers, to enable decisions taken on such asset items to be effected timeously.
- c) Render comments in relation to departmental assets items.
- d) Provide continuous support to Asset Custodians.

e. Heads of Departments (functional heads)

The Heads of Departments (functional heads) are responsible and accountable for the custody, safeguarding, administration and maintenance of physical assets in accordance with the following criteria:

- a) In general, the Accounting Officer shall be responsible and accountable for the custody, safeguarding, administration and maintenance of:
 - All assets in the city, unless delegated in writing to the relevant functional head but the Accounting Officer shall remain accountable for ensuring that these delegated activities are performed;
 - The assets in the Accounting Officer's office, unless delegated in writing to an Asset Controller;
- b) A functional head shall be responsible and accountable for the custody, safeguarding, administration and maintenance of all physical assets in the areas delegated to them; and

- c) The functional head must nominate Asset Custodians, who shall safeguard the assets on their behalf; but they shall remain accountable for ensuring that these activities are performed.

Heads of Department must ensure that:

- a) The appropriate physical asset management and control (including asset internal control processes) are established and carried out for assets in their area of responsibility;
- b) The municipal asset resources assigned to them are utilized effectively, efficiently, economically and transparently;
- c) Any unauthorized, irregular, fruitless or wasteful utilization, and losses resulting from criminal or negligent conduct, are prevented;
- d) Their asset management controls can provide an accurate, reliable and up to date account of assets under their control;
- e) They are able to justify that their asset plans, budgets, purchasing, maintenance and disposal decisions optimally achieve the municipality's strategic objectives;
- f) They, or their nominated officials, shall annually confirm the existence and condition of sampled assets and submit the accountability report (in respect of movable assets) to the Divisional Head: Financial Reporting. This has to be complied with, in order to adhere to the MFMA, section 126;
- g) They, or their nominated officials, complete and submit to COE's AMU their Department's annual *GRAP pack* for immovable assets in accordance with the following dates:
 - Draft *GRAP pack* by 15 June each year; and
 - Final *GRAP pack* by 30 June each year.
- h) They use the *GRAP pack* as the source information to notify the Group CFO by 30 June each year of any change to the status or value of any asset under the functional head's control. This notification will show assets that are missing, including assets that have been demolished, destroyed, damaged, in the process of being disposed, replaced, impaired or added, results of their review and reassessment of the remaining useful lives, or any other event materially affecting assets values.

f. Divisional Heads responsible for assets

The Divisional Heads responsible for assets are officials nominated by Heads of Departments to confirm the availability, accuracy and completeness of the supporting documentation required for the assets that are acquired; but the Heads of Departments shall remain accountable for the delivery of this supporting documentation.

Where, a Divisional Head has either not been nominated or the physical projects are not appropriate for asset control purposes, the Heads of Departments of such non-represented area shall be deemed not to have delegated asset control responsibility and therefore retains all the operational asset control functions.

These Divisional Heads responsible for assets must ensure that Project Managers responsible for assets are nominated to cover all physical projects for which the Head of Department is responsible and accountable for. The project management office or the HOD assigns projects to Project Managers to a degree that it can be well managed by each Project Manager. The overall responsibility of the assets, however, still lies with the HOD of each department.

g. Asset Management Project Steering Committee and associated teams

The purpose of COE's Asset Management Project Steering Committee is to manage the asset management practices in order to ensure that the existing assets continue to provide a service whilst new infrastructure is created. Members of the Asset Management Project Steering Committee are nominated from each sector department.

The objectives of the Asset Management Project Steering Committee are to:

- a) Specify the required outcomes for compliance and planning of asset management projects;
- b) Set the asset management timetable (schedule);
- c) Monitor all asset management progress reports;
- d) Identify and manage the implementation of the required organisational changes required to improve asset management;
- e) Ensure that all Auditor General findings relating to assets are addressed and cleared timeously;
- f) Confirm that prescribed asset management practices are being implemented across the Municipality; and
- g) Convene regularly to check the effectiveness of COE's asset management practices.

h. All council employees

- a) Shall ensure that assets assigned to them are utilized effectively, efficiently, economically and transparently.
- b) Shall ensure that the assets of the council are not used for private gain.
- c) Shall notify that the asset controllers and asset management section of all obsolete, damaged and stolen assets without delay.
- d) Shall physically verify all assets under their possession and report to the result of the verification to the assets management unit at year end.
- e) Shall ensure that all assets under their possession are properly bar-coded.
- f) Shall ensure that on termination of service they returned the assets to their supervisors and complete a termination assets clearance form.
- g) Shall notify the asset coordinators and assets management unit of the movement and transfer of assets assigned to them by completing an asset transfer form.
- h) Shall ensure that they comply with the operational procedures.

9. Financial Management

a. Pre-Acquisition Planning

Before a capital project is included in the budget for approval, the Head of Department of the relevant department must demonstrate that they have considered:

- a) The projected capital expenditure over all the financial years until the project is operational;
- b) The funding source;
- c) The future operational costs and revenue on the project, including tax and tariff implications;
- d) The financial sustainability of the project over its life including revenue generation and subsidisation requirements;
- e) The physical and financial stewardship of that asset through all stages in its life including acquisition, installation, maintenance, operations, disposal and rehabilitation;
- f) The inclusion of this capital project in the integrated development plan and future budgets.

- g) The chief financial officer is accountable to ensure the senior manager of the relevant department receives all reasonable assistance, guidance and explanation to enable them to achieve their planning requirements.

b. Approval to Acquire Property Plant and Equipment

Money can only be spent on a capital project if:

- The money has been appropriated in the capital budget,
- The project, including the total capital expenditure, has been approved by the council,
- The CFO confirms that funding is available for that specific project, and
- The contract that will impose financial obligations beyond two years after the budget year is appropriately disclosed.
- The acquisition of the Assets complies with the normal processes of the Supply Chain Management Policy and Procedures.

c. Funding of capital projects

Within the municipality's on-going financial, legislative or administrative capacity, the Group CFO will establish and maintain the funding strategies that optimise the municipality's ability to achieve its strategic objectives as stated in the integrated development plan.

d. Disposal of property plant and equipment.

- a) The municipality may not transfer ownership as a result of a sale or other transaction or otherwise permanently dispose of a non-current asset needed to provide the minimum level of basic municipality services;
- b) The municipality may transfer ownership or otherwise dispose of a non-current asset other than one contemplated above, but only after the approval by council, in a meeting open to the public;
- c) The municipality must demonstrate that the decision to dispose is based on the reasonable grounds that the asset is not needed to provide the minimum level of basic municipal services; and
- d) The municipality must demonstrate that it has considered the fair market value of the asset and the economic and community value to be received in exchange for the asset.
- e) The decision that a specific non-current asset is not needed to provide the minimum level of basic municipal services, may not be reversed by the municipality after that asset been sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of.
- f) The municipal manager may approve the disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment as delegated by the municipal council. The delegations to approve contracts for the disposal an item of property, plant and equipment is stated in the Preferential Procurement Policy.
- g) The disposal an item of property, plant and equipment must be fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost effective and comply with a prescribed regulatory framework for municipal supply chain management. The Preferential Procurement Policy covers these issues.
- h) Transfer of assets to another municipality, municipal entity, national department or provincial department is excluded from these provisions.

10. CONSISTENCY OF ACCOUNTING POLICY

COE has control over several municipal entities, including the authority to govern the financial and operating policies of all these municipal entities as to obtain benefits from their activities. All the entities together are referred to as a group.

The combined financial position and results of all the entities together are compiled in the consolidated financial statements. For these consolidated financial statements to be compiled, all the entities' accounting policies shall be similar for like transactions and events.

If an entity of the group uses accounting policies other than those adopted in the consolidated financial statements such as transactions and events in similar circumstances, appropriate adjustments will be made upon consolidation of the financial statements.

11. POLICY FOR ASSET ACCOUNTING

a. Recognition

(a) Definitions and rules (as per GRAP standards)

Recognition criteria

The cost of an item of PPE, associated intangible assets, heritage assets and investment property shall be recognised as an asset if, and only if:

- a) it is probable that economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the municipality, and
- b) the cost or fair value of the item can be measured reliably.

Asset

Is defined as a resource controlled by the municipality as a result of past events and from which future economic benefits or service potential are expected to flow to the municipality.

PPE

These are tangible items that are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, for rental to others, or for administrative purposes; and are expected to be used during more than one reporting period.

Immovable PPE

Immoveable assets are fixed structures such as buildings and roads. A plant that is built-in to the fixed structures and is an essential part of the functional performance of the primary asset is considered an immovable asset (though it may be temporarily removed for repair).

Investment property

Investment property is defined as property (land and/or a building, or part thereof) held (by the owner or the lessee under a finance lease) to earn rentals or capital appreciation, or both (rather than for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administration purposes or sale in the ordinary course of operations). Land held for currently undetermined use is recognised as investment property until such time as the use of the land has been determined.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets are defined as identifiable non-monetary assets, without physical substance. Examples are licenses/ rights, (such as water licenses), servitudes and software.

An asset is identifiable if it either:

- a) is separable, i.e. is capable of being separated or divided from the municipality and sold, transferred, licensed, rented or exchanged, either individually or together with a related contract, identifiable asset or liability, or
- b) arises from binding arrangements (including rights arising from contracts) regardless of whether those rights are transferable and separable from the municipality or from other rights and obligations.

Heritage assets

Heritage assets are assets that have a cultural, environmental, historical, natural, scientific, technological or artistic significance and are held indefinitely for the benefit of present and future generations.

Heritage assets will be controlled by the municipality when it is able to generate future economic benefits or service potential from the assets, even though the municipality may be restricted from disposing these assets based on a stipulation imposed by, for example, the transferor.

Capital spares (major spare parts)

Spares and materials used on a regular basis in the ordinary course of operations are usually carried as inventory (i.e. they are not usually considered fixed assets) and are expensed when consumed. However, major spares that are available for use and constitute an entire or significant portion of a component type, or a specific component, defined in the PPE asset hierarchy are considered capital spare part and are recognised as an item of PPE if they are expected to be used for more than one period or they can only be used in the construction of an item of PPE.

Consumables

Consumables are products that consumers use recurrently (are used up, discarded and have to be replaced frequently) and usually of insignificant value. These assets are not to be purchased from capital budget.

Consumable items as per approved list by the CFO (Refer to Annexure D) shall be treated as an ordinary operating expense.

Major inspections

A condition of continuing to operate an item of PPE may be to perform regular major inspections for faults regardless of whether parts of the item are replaced (for example, Occupational Health and Safety Act no. 85 of 1993 requires lifting equipment to be inspected once a year).

When each major inspection is performed, its cost is recognised in the carrying amount of the item of PPE as a replacement if the recognition criteria are satisfied. Any remaining carrying amount of the cost of the previous inspection (as distinct from physical parts) is derecognised. This occurs regardless of whether the cost of the previous inspection was identified in the transaction in which the item was acquired or constructed.

If necessary, the cost of an existing inspection component may be used to estimate the cost of a future similar inspection.

Control

An item is not recognised as an asset unless the entity has the capacity to control the service potential or future economic benefit of the asset, is able to deny or regulate access of others to that benefit, and has the ability to secure the future economic benefit of that asset. Legal title and physical possession are good indicators of control but are not absolute.

Control over land

Control may be evidenced by a number of indicators. These indicators of control are:

- legal ownership; or
- the right to access the land, and to restrict or deny the access of others to the land; and/or
- the existence of an enforceable right to service potential or the ability to generate future economic benefits arising from the land.

In the absence of an entity demonstrating that it has the right to access and restrict or deny access of others to the land, and/or an enforceable right to service potential or the ability to generate future economic benefits arising from the land, the legal owner controls the land.

If one entity has the right to access and restrict or deny the access of others to the land and/or has an enforceable right to service potential or the ability to generate future economic benefits

arising from the land, while another is the legal owner of the land, substance over form determines that the land may be controlled by the entity that:

- has the right to access the land, and to restrict or deny the access of others to the land, and/or
- has an enforceable right to service potential or the ability to generate future economic benefits arising from the land?
- can demonstrate that it has the right to access the land, and to restrict or deny the access of others to the land, it considers whether it can:
 - directly use the land's service potential or future economic benefits to provide services to beneficiaries; or
 - exchange, dispose of, or transfer the land; or
 - use the land in any other way to provide service potential or generate future economic benefits.

Probability of the flow of benefits or service potential

The degree of certainty that any economic benefits or service potential associated with an item will flow to the municipality is based on the judgement. The Accounting Officer shall exercise such judgement on behalf of the municipality, in consultation with the Group CFO and respective Divisional Head.

Service potential

An asset has service potential if it has the capacity, singularly or in combination with other assets, to contribute directly or indirectly to the achievement of an objective of the municipality, such as the provision of services.

Leased assets

A lease is an agreement whereby the lessor conveys to the lessee (in this case, the municipality) the right to use an asset for an agreed period of time in return for a payment or series of payments. Leases are categorised into finance and operating leases. A finance lease is a lease that transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset, even though the title may not eventually be transferred (substance over form). Where the risks and rewards of ownership of the immovable PPE are substantially transferred to the municipality, the lease is regarded as a finance lease and the asset recognised by the municipality as immovable PPE. Where there is no substantial transfer of risks and rewards of ownership to the municipality, the lease is considered an operating lease and payments are expensed in the income statement on a systematic basis (straight line basis over the lease term).

Asset custodian

The department that controls an asset, as well as the individual (asset custodian) or post that is responsible for the operations associated with such asset in the department, is identified by the respective HOD, recorded, and communicated on recognition of the asset.

(b) Guideline

COE shall recognise all PPE, intangible assets, heritage assets and investment property existing at the time of the adoption of the policy and any upgrades, new assets and renewals if the assets comply with the recognition criteria. Such assets shall be capitalised in compliance with prevailing accounting standards.

The documents required for capitalisation include, but are not limited to;

- Componentisation certificates;
- Completion reports/ certificates;
- Asset capitalisation certificate;
- Bills of quantities;
- Layout drawings and;
- As-built drawings.

Refer to the Procedures for Asset Management of Immovable Assets and Associated Intangibles document for the detailed procedure regarding the capitalisation of assets.

b. Classification

(a) Definitions and rules (as per GRAP standards)

Fixed asset categories

Accounting categories relating to immovable assets are as follows:

- a) Property, plant and equipment (which is broken down into groups of assets of a similar nature or function in the municipality's operations, that is shown as a single class for the purposes of disclosure in the financial statements);
- a) Heritage assets;
- b) Intangible assets; and
- c) Investment property.

Class of immovable PPE

A class of immovable PPE is defined as a group of assets of a similar nature or function in the municipality's operations. The total balance of each class of assets is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

PPE asset hierarchy

An asset hierarchy is adopted for immovable PPE which enables separate accounting of parts (or components) of the asset that are considered significant to the municipality from a financial point of view, and for other reasons determined by the municipality, including risk management (in other words, taking into account the criticality of components) and alignment with the strategy adopted by the municipality in asset renewal (for example the extent of replacement or rehabilitation at the end of life).

In addition, the municipality may aggregate relatively insignificant items to be considered as one asset. The structure of the hierarchy recognises the functional relationship of assets and components.

PPE: Infrastructure

Some assets are commonly described as "infrastructure assets". While there is no universally accepted definition of infrastructure assets, these assets usually display some or all of the following characteristics:

- (a) they are part of a system or network;
- (b) they are specialised in nature and do not have alternative uses;
- (c) they are immovable; and
- (d) they may be subject to constraints on disposal.

PPE: Community property

Community property is immovable assets contributing to the general well-being of the community, such as community halls and recreation facilities.

PPE: Building property

PPE building property assets are buildings that are used for municipal operations such as administration buildings and rental stock or housing not held for capital gain.

Heritage assets

Heritage assets may have more than one purpose, e.g. a historical building which, in addition to meeting the definition of a heritage asset, is also used as office accommodation. The municipality must use its judgement to make such an assessment.

The asset should be accounted for as a heritage asset if, and only if, the definition of a heritage asset is met, and only if an insignificant portion is held for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes.

If a significant portion is used for production, administrative purposes or supply of services or goods, the asset shall be accounted for in accordance with the Standard of GRAP on PPE.

Servitudes

Where municipalities establish servitudes as part of the registration of a township, the associated rights are granted in statute and are specifically excluded from the standard on intangible assets. Such servitudes cannot be sold, transferred, rented or exchanged freely and are not separable from the municipality. Consequently, such servitudes are not recognised in the asset register.

The municipality may include the cost of the servitude in the cost of the PPE if it is essential to the construction or operation of the asset (such as in the case of pipes).

Investment property

A property is only classified as investment property if the main purpose and most significant use of the property is to earn rental or for capital appreciation.

For example, when a municipality owns a building, mainly used for the delivery of social housing but rents out a floor of the building to shops, banks and other external parties, the building should be accounted for as property, plant and equipment as its main purpose and most significant use is the provision of social services. This should be the case irrespective of whether the rental earned from the one floor of the building is significant in relation to the rental earned from the remainder of the building.

Inventory

Inventories are assets: (a) in the form of materials or supplies to be consumed in the production process; (b) in the form of materials or supplies to be consumed or distributed in the rendering of services; (c) held for sale or distribution in the ordinary course of operations; or (d) in the process of production for sale or distribution.

(b) Guideline

The asset sub-categories and groups below shall be used as the classification structure for the immovable assets and associated intangible assets. The assets shall be disclosed in the financial statements at the category level.

Asset hierarchies shall be adopted for each of the immovable asset groups and associated intangible assets, separately identifying items of PPE at component level that are significant from a financial or risk perspective (material effect on depreciation) or strategic perspective (for risk management or asset replacement strategies / or separate significant components), and conversely, where applicable, grouping items that are relatively insignificant.

c. Identification

(a) Definitions and rules

Asset coding

An asset coding system is the means by which the municipality is able to uniquely identify each asset (at the lowest level in the adopted asset hierarchy for immovable assets) in order to ensure that it can be accounted for on an individual basis.

(b) Guideline

A coding system shall be adopted and applied that will enable each asset (with immoveable PPE at the lowest level in the adopted asset hierarchy) to be uniquely and readily identifiable.

d. Asset register

(a) Definitions and rules

Asset register

A fixed asset register is a database with information relating to each asset. The fixed asset register is structured in line with the adopted classification structure. The scope of data in the register is sufficient to facilitate the application of the respective accounting standards for each of the asset classes, and the strategic and operational asset management needs of the municipality.

(b) Guideline

A fixed asset register shall be established to provide the data required to apply the applicable accounting standards, as well as other data considered by the municipality to be necessary to support strategic asset management planning and operational management needs. The asset register shall be updated and reconciled to the general ledger on a regular basis, which will be reconciled to the financial statements at year end.

e. Measurement at recognition

(a) Definitions and rules (as per GRAP standards)

Measurement at recognition of immovable PPE

An item of immovable PPE that qualifies for recognition is measured at cost. Where an asset is acquired at no or nominal cost (for example in the case of donated or developer-created assets), its cost is deemed to be its fair value at the date of acquisition. In cases where it is impracticable to establish the cost of an item of immovable PPE, such as on recognising immovable PPE for which there are no records, or records cannot be linked to specific assets, its cost is deemed to be its fair value.

Measurement at recognition of investment property

Investment property will be measured at cost including transaction cost at initial recognition. However, where an investment property was acquired through a non-exchange transaction (i.e. where the investment property was acquired for no or nominal value), the cost of such an item is measured at fair value unless the fair value of neither the asset received nor the asset given up is reliably measurable. If the acquired item is not measured at fair value, its cost is measured at the carrying amount of the asset given up. The acquired item is measured in this way even if an entity cannot immediately derecognise the asset given up.

Measurement at recognition of intangible assets

Intangible assets will be measured at cost at initial recognition. Where assets are acquired for no or nominal consideration, the cost is deemed to equal the fair value of the asset on the date acquired.

Measurement at recognition of heritage assets

Heritage assets will be measured at cost at initial recognition. Where assets are acquired for no or nominal consideration, the cost of such an item is measured at fair value unless the fair value of neither the asset received nor the asset given up is reliably measurable. If the acquired item is not measured at fair value, its cost is measured at the carrying amount of the asset given up. The acquired item is measured in this way even if an entity cannot immediately derecognise the asset given up.

If the municipality holds an asset that might be regarded as a heritage asset but which, on initial recognition, does not meet the recognition criteria of a heritage asset because it cannot be reliably measured, relevant and useful information about it shall be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements as follows:

- a) A description of the heritage asset or class of heritage assets.
- a) The reason why the heritage asset or class of heritage assets could not be measured reliably.
- b) On disposal of the heritage asset or class of heritage assets, the compensation received and the amount recognised in the statement of financial performance.

Fair value

Fair value is defined as the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Market based evidence by appraisal can be used where there is an active and liquid market for immovable assets (for example land and some types of plant and equipment).

In the case of specialised buildings (such as community buildings) and infrastructure where there is no such active and liquid market, a depreciated replacement cost (DRC) approach may be used.

The appraisal of the fair value of assets is normally undertaken by a member of the valuation profession, who holds a recognised and relevant professional qualification and has appropriate knowledge and experience in valuation of the respective assets. A Professional Engineer is considered to have the relevant professional qualification in order to determine the Current Replacement Cost (CRC) and DRC of specialised buildings and infrastructure.

Cost of an item of immovable PPE

The capitalisation value comprises of:

- a) the purchase price including import duties and non-refundable purchase taxes, after deducting trade discounts and rebates and
- a) any directly attributable costs necessary to bring the asset to its location and condition necessary for it to be operating in the manner intended by the municipality, plus
- b) an initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located.

VAT is excluded (unless the municipality is not allowed to claim input VAT paid on purchase of such assets - in such an instance, the municipality should capitalise the cost of the asset together with VAT).

Directly attributable costs

Directly attributable costs are defined as:

- a) cost of employee benefits arising directly from the construction or acquisition of the item.
- b) costs of site preparation;
- c) initial delivery and handling;
- d) installation and assembly costs;
- e) commissioning (cost of testing the asset to see if the asset is functioning properly, after deducting the net proceeds from selling any item produced while bringing the asset to its current condition and location);
- f) professional fees (for example associated with design fees, supervision, and environmental impact assessments) (in the case of all asset classes); and
- g) Proper transfer taxes (in the case of all asset classes).

Changes in the existing decommissioning or restoration cost included in the cost of an item

Most immovable PPE in the municipal environment are considered assets in perpetuity in that they will generally be renewed or replaced at the end of their useful life. In the event that there is a statutory (and material) obligation to decommission or restore an asset at the end of its useful life (such as at a landfill site), provision has to be made for such costs.

Changes in the measurement of an existing decommissioning cost or restoration cost as a result of changes in the estimated timing or amount of the outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential required to settle the obligation, should be treated as follows:

a) If the cost model is used -

- Changes in the liability shall be added to or deducted from the cost of the related asset.
- If the amount deducted from the cost of the asset exceeds the carrying amount of the asset, the excess shall be recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.
- If the adjustment results in an addition to the cost of an asset, the municipality should consider whether this is an indication that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. In this case the municipality should test the asset for impairment.

b) If the revaluation model is used -

- A decrease in the liability shall be credited to the revaluation surplus, except that it shall be recognised in the surplus or deficit to the extent that it reverses a revaluation deficit on the asset that was previously recognised in the surplus or deficit; and
- an increase in the liability shall be recognised in surplus or deficit, except that it shall be debited to the revaluation surplus to the extent that any credit balance may exist in the revaluation surplus in respect of asset.
- If the decrease in liability exceeds the carrying amount that would have been recognised if the asset has been carried under the cost model, the excess shall be recognised immediately in the surplus or deficit.
- If the change in liability is an indication that the asset may have to be revalued in order to ensure that the carrying amount does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair value at the reporting date. Any such revaluation shall be taken into account in determining the amounts to be taken to surplus or deficit and net assets as discussed above. If a revaluation is necessary, all assets of that class shall be revalued.
- The change in the revaluation surplus arising from the change in the liability shall be separately identified and disclosed in the face of the statement of changes in net assets.

Exchanged PPE assets

In cases where assets are exchanged, the cost is deemed to be the fair value of the acquired asset and the disposed asset is de-recognised. The cost of such an item of property, plant and equipment is measured at fair value unless the fair value of neither the asset received nor the asset given up is reliably measurable. If the acquired item is not measured at fair value, its cost is measured at the carrying amount of the asset given up. The acquired item is measured in this way even if an entity cannot immediately derecognise the asset given up.

Finance leases

The cost of such an item of property, plant and equipment is measured at fair value unless the fair value of neither the asset received nor the asset given up is reliably measurable. If the acquired item is not measured at fair value, its cost is measured at the carrying amount of the asset given up. The acquired item is measured in this way even if an entity cannot immediately derecognise the asset given up.

At the commencement of a lease term, the municipality (the lessee) shall recognise a finance lease as an asset and liability in the statement of financial position at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments, each determined at the inception of the lease.

The discount rate to be used in calculating the present value of the minimum lease payments is the interest rate implicit in the lease contract, if this is practicable to determine; if not, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate shall be used. Any initial direct cost of the lessee is added to the amount recognised as an asset.

Depreciated replacement cost

The depreciated replacement cost method is used when the cost of an item of PPE cannot be reliably measured.

The depreciated replacement cost (DRC) approach requires information on the expected useful life (EUL), residual value (RV), current replacement cost (CRC) and remaining useful life (RUL) of each of the asset components.

The CRC is the product of a unit rate and the extent of the component and represents the cost of replacing the asset, and in cases where the existing asset is obsolete, the replacement with a modern equivalent. The depreciable portion of an asset is determined by subtracting the residual value from the CRC. The depreciated replacement cost (DRC) is established by proportionately reducing the depreciable portion based on the fraction of the remaining useful life over the expected useful life.

Accordingly, the following formula is used:

$$\text{DRC} = ((\text{CRC} - \text{RV}) \times \text{RUL/EUL}) + \text{RV}$$

Replacement costs are “brown field”, reflecting cost variances over and above “green-field” modifications. Capital unit costs vary from site to site and provision is made for site specific influencing factors (e.g. topography). Capital unit costs are also influenced by macro-economic driving forces such as “supply-and-demand”, economy of scale, financial markets and availability of contractors, and the impact of these factors are reflected in the capital unit rates where applicable. Adjustments of rates for escalation to the valuation date are applied.

The expected useful life and residual values are estimates informed by industry norms and actual asset performance in the municipality and at other similar municipalities. The remaining useful life is informed by the expected useful life, the age of the component since becoming available for use, its condition, and any committed plans for replacement, rehabilitation, upgrading or decommissioning.

Self-constructed assets

Self-constructed assets relate to all assets constructed by the municipality itself or another party on instructions from the municipality.

Proper records are kept such that all costs associated with the construction of these assets are completely and accurately accounted for as capital under construction, and upon completion of the asset, all costs (both direct and indirect) associated with the construction of the asset are aggregated and capitalised in the asset register.

Deferred payment

The cost of an asset is the cash equivalent at the recognition date. If the payment of the cost price is deferred beyond normal credit terms, the difference between the cash price equivalent (the total cost price is discounted to the asset's present value as at the transaction date) and the total payment is recognised as an interest expense.

Circumstances where fair value will be used at initial measurement:

Where an item of immovable PPE, an intangible asset, heritage asset or an investment property is acquired through a non-exchange transaction, its cost is the fair value as at the date of acquisition. Events that might lead to this accounting treatment are when an asset is contributed or gifted to the municipality, a power of sequestration was exercised, there are no records on the asset's cost price, or the records cannot be linked to specific assets.

According to Directive 7, if the fair value at the measurement date cannot be determined for an item of property, plant and equipment, investment property or a heritage asset, an entity may estimate such fair value using:

- a) depreciated replacement cost at the measurement date for an item of property, plant and equipment;

- b) depreciated replacement cost at the measurement date for an investment property, but only if the investment property is of such a specialised nature that there is no market-based evidence of fair value; and
- c) replacement cost at the measurement date for heritage assets.

Directive 7 can only be used to determine the cost of an asset that was acquired prior to the measurement date, 1 July 2007. For assets which cost data is not available and acquired after the measurement date, the use of deemed cost will result in a change of policy from the cost model to the revaluation model.

The measurement at recognition of an item of PPE, acquired through a non-exchange transaction, at its fair value does not constitute a revaluation.

Where a heritage asset is acquired through a non-exchange transaction, its cost shall be measured at its fair value as at the date of acquisition.

Day-to-day servicing

The cost of day-to-day servicing of an asset shall not be recognised as an item of PPE. These costs shall instead be recognised in the surplus or deficit as incurred. The cost of day-to-day servicing is primarily the costs of labour and consumables, and may include costs of small parts and maintenance material.

Replacement of components

Components of some items of PPE may require replacement at regular intervals, for example a pump. Items of PPE may also be required to make a less frequently recurring replacement, such as replacing the interior walls of a building, or to make a non-recurring replacement. The municipality recognises in the carrying value of an item of PPE the cost of the replacing part of such an item, when that cost is incurred and if the recognition criteria are met.

The carrying values of those parts that are replaced are derecognised in accordance with the Standard on Plant, Property and Equipment, GRAP 17 (REVISED), which are discussed later in this document.

Intangible assets acquired through non-exchange transactions

In some cases, an intangible asset may be acquired through a non-exchange transaction. This may happen when another public sector entity transfers to an entity in a non-exchange transaction, intangible assets such as airport landing rights. The cost of the item will be its fair value at the date it is acquired.

Internally generated goodwill

Internally generated goodwill must not be recognised as an asset.

(b) Guideline

An item of PPE and heritage assets which qualify for recognition as an asset shall be measured at its cost. Investment property will be measured at cost and transaction costs will be included in the initial measurement.

In the case of intangible assets, expenditure shall be recognised as an expense when it is incurred unless it forms part of the cost of an intangible asset that meets the recognition criteria. Expenditure on an intangible item that was initially recognised as an expense shall not be recognised as part of the cost of an intangible asset at a later date.

In cases where complete cost data is not available or reliable for use, the fair value of PPE, an associated intangible asset, heritage assets and investment property shall be used to recognise the asset.

f. Measurement after recognition

(a) Definitions and rules (as per GRAP standard)

Options

Accounting standards allow measurement after recognition on immovable assets as follows:

- Immovable PPE heritage assets and intangible assets: on either a cost or revaluation model; and
- Investment Property: either cost model or the fair value model.

Different models can be applied, providing the treatment is consistent per asset class.

Cost model

When the cost model is adopted, an immovable asset is carried after recognition at its cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Investment property

COE has adopted the cost model approach; therefore, investment property will be accounted for at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment in accordance with the Standards on PPE, GRAP 17 (REVISED).

COE is required to determine the fair values of all the investment property, for the purpose of disclosure when using the cost model approach. COE is encouraged to disclose the fair value of investment property when this is materially different from the carrying amount. COE will determine the fair value of investment property on a basis of a valuation by an independent valuer who holds a recognised and relevant professional qualification and has recent experience in the location and category of the investment property being valued.

Transfers from investment property to PPE shall only be made when there is a change in use of the property.

Costs associated with heritage assets subsequent to initial measurement

Costs incurred to enhance or restore a heritage asset to preserve its indefinite useful life should be capitalised as part of the cost of the asset. Such costs should be recognised in the carrying amount of the heritage asset as incurred.

Statutory inspections

The cost of a statutory inspection that is required for the municipality to continue to operate immovable PPE is recognised at the time the cost is incurred, and any previous statutory inspection cost is de-recognised.

Costs to be capitalised

Costs incurred in the enhancement of immovable PPE (in the form of improved or increased services or benefits flowing from the use of such asset), or in the material extension of the useful operating life of immovable PPE are capitalised. Such costs are recognised once the municipality has beneficial use of the asset (be it new, upgraded, and/or renewed) – prior to this, the costs are recorded as work-in-progress. Costs incurred in the maintenance or repair (reinstatement) of immovable PPE that ensures that the useful operating life of the asset is attained, are considered as operating expenses and are not capitalised, irrespective of the quantum of the costs concerned.

(b) Guideline

Measurement after recognition shall be on the following basis: -

- Immoveable PPE: cost model.
- Heritage assets: cost model.
- Investment property: cost model.
- Intangible assets: cost model.

g. Depreciation

(a) Definition and rules (as per GRAP standard)

Depreciation

“Depreciation is the systematic allocation of the depreciable amount of an asset over its useful life”.

PPE is depreciated over its useful life

Intangible assets are amortised over its useful life.

Land and servitudes are considered to have unlimited lives; therefore, they are not depreciated.

Heritage assets are not depreciated.

Depreciable amount

The depreciable amount is the cost of an asset, or other amount substituted for cost, less its residual value

Residual value

The residual value is the estimated amount that the municipality would currently obtain from disposal of the asset after deducting the estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life.

The residual value of a PPE asset, investment property or intangible assets may increase to an amount equal or greater than the asset's carrying value. If it does, the asset's depreciation charges will be zero unless and until its residual value subsequently decreases to an amount below the asset's carrying value.

The residual value of an intangible asset with a finite useful life shall be assumed to be zero unless:

- there is a commitment by a third party to purchase the asset at the end of its useful life; or
- there is an active market for the asset and:
- residual value can be determined by reference to that market; and
- it is probable that such a market will exist at the end of the asset's useful life.

Intangible assets with an indefinite useful life

An intangible asset with an indefinite useful life will not be amortised. Impairment testing shall be performed on these assets on an annual basis and whenever there is an indication that the assets might be impaired, comparing its recoverable amount with its carrying amount.

Depreciation method

Depreciation of immovable PPE is applied at the component level. A range of depreciation methods exist and can be selected to model the consumption of service potential or economic benefit (for example the straight-line method, diminishing amount method, fixed percentage on reducing balance method, sum of the year digits method, production unit method).

The approach used should reflect the consumption of future economic benefits or service potential, and should be reviewed annually where there has been a change in the pattern of consumption.

Remaining useful life

The remaining useful life of a depreciable asset is the time remaining until an asset ceases to provide the required standard of performance or economic usefulness.

The remaining useful life of all depreciable assets at initial recognition is the same as the expected useful life indicated in **Annexure B**. These figures have been established using available information on industry norms, experience of local influencing factors (such as climate, geotechnical conditions, and operating conditions), the life-cycle strategy of the municipality, potential technical obsolescence, and any legal limits on the use of the immovable assets.

Annual review of remaining useful life

The remaining useful lives of depreciable assets are reviewed every year at the reporting date.

Changes may be required as a result of new, updated or more reliable information being available. Changes may also be required as a result of impairments.

Depreciation charges in the current and future reporting periods are adjusted accordingly, and are accounted for as a change in an accounting estimate.

Useful lives of assets

The estimated useful lives of all assets shall be reviewed at each reporting date, taking into account any changes in asset lifecycle strategies as described in the Municipality's asset management plans, the availability of funding to implement lifecycle strategies, changes in operating conditions and other relevant factors such as the availability of comparative asset data. The estimated useful lives of assets are indicated in **Annexures B and C** for immovable and movable assets respectively.

The useful life of an asset shall be reviewed at least at each reporting date and, if expectations differ from previous estimates, the change shall be accounted for as a change in accounting estimate in accordance with the Standard on Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, GRAP 3. The change will occur prospectively which means that the change will have an effect in the current and future periods.

Land and buildings are separable assets and are accounted for separately, even when they are acquired together. With some exceptions, such as quarries and landfill sites, land has an unlimited useful life and therefore is not depreciated. Buildings have a limited useful life and therefore are depreciable assets. An increase in the value of the land on which a building stands does not affect the determination of the depreciable amount of a building.

The municipality shall assess whether the useful life or service potential of an intangible asset is finite or indefinite and, if finite, the length of, or number of production or similar units constituting, will be the elements used to estimate the useful life. An intangible asset shall be regarded by the municipality as having an indefinite life when, based on an analysis of all the relevant factors, there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which the asset is expected to generate net cash inflows or service potential for the municipality.

The useful life of an intangible asset that arises from contractual rights or other legal rights shall not exceed the period of the contractual or other legal right, but may be shorter depending on the period over which the municipality expects to use the asset. If the contractual rights or other legal rights are conveyed for a limited term that can be renewed, the useful life of the intangible asset shall include the renewal period only if there is evidence to support renewal by the municipality without significant cost.

The useful life of an intangible asset that is not amortised shall be reviewed each period to determine whether events and circumstances continue to support an indefinite useful life assessment for that asset. If it does not, the change in the useful life from indefinite to finite shall be accounted for as a change in accounting estimate in accordance with the Standard on Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, GRAP 3.

Depreciation charge

Depreciation starts once an asset is available for use, when it is in the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Depreciation of an assets ceases at the date the asset is derecognised.

Depreciation is initially calculated from the day when an asset is acquired or – in the case of construction works and plant and machinery – the day in which the asset is available for use, until the end of the calendar month concerned. Thereafter, depreciation charges are calculated monthly.

Depreciation and amortisation charges for each period shall be recognised in the surplus or deficit unless it is included in the carrying value of another asset.

Depreciation and amortisation of an asset will cease at the earlier date that the asset is classified as held for sale in accordance with the Standard on Non-Current Assets held for sale and discontinued operations, GRAP 100, and the date the asset is derecognised. Therefore, depreciation does not cease when the asset becomes idle or is retired from active use unless the asset is fully depreciated.

Amortisation of an intangible asset with a finite useful life does not cease when the intangible asset is no longer used, unless the asset has been fully depreciated.

When an item of PPE is revalued, any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is treated in one of the following ways:

- a) Restated proportionately with the change in gross carrying value of the asset so that the carrying value of the asset after the revaluation equals its revalued amount. This method is often used when an asset is revalued by means of applying an index to its depreciated replacement cost, or
- b) Eliminated against the gross carrying value of the asset and the net amount restated to the revalued amount of the asset. This method is often used for buildings.

Carrying amount

The carrying amount is the cost price/ fair value amount after deducting any accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Capital spares

Capital spares will be depreciated once they are commissioned into operation and they will be depreciated over their useful life.

Finance lease

Depreciable assets financed through a finance lease will give rise to a depreciation expense and finance cost which will occur for each accounting period. The depreciation policy for depreciable leased assets shall be consistent with the policy of depreciable owned assets, and the depreciation recognised shall be calculated in accordance with the Standard on Property, Plant and Equipment, GRAP 17. If there is no reasonable certainty that the municipality will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term, the asset shall be fully depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and its useful life. If there is certainty that the municipality will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term, the asset will be fully depreciated over the asset's useful life.

(b) Guideline

All assets, except land and heritage assets, shall be depreciated over their useful lives.

All intangible assets, other than intangibles with an indefinite useful life, shall be amortised over their useful lives.

Capital spares held in storage will be depreciated over their useful once the asset has been commissioned into operation.

The method of depreciation shall be reviewed on an annual basis, though the straight-line basis shall be used in all cases except capital spares (for which the production method will be used) unless Council determines otherwise. Servitudes will not be depreciated. The existence, remaining useful lives and residual values of fixed assets shall also be reviewed at each reporting date.

Depreciation or amortisation is initially calculated from the day when a fixed asset is acquired or – in the case of construction works and plant and machinery – the day in which the fixed asset is available for use.

h. Impairment

(a) Definition and rules (as per GRAP standard)

Impairment

Impairment is defined as the loss in the future economic benefits or service potential of an asset, over and above the systematic recognition of the loss of the asset's future economic benefits or service potential through depreciation.

Indications of impairment

The municipality must review assets for impairment when one of the indicators below occurs or at least at the end of each reporting period. In assessing whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, an entity shall consider as a minimum the following indicators:

- I. External sources of information:
 - decline or cessation in demand;
 - Significant long-term changes in the technological, legal or government policy environment;
 - the carrying amount of the net assets of the entity is more than its market capitalisation; or
 - market interest rates have increased during the period, and those increases are likely to affect the discount rate used in calculating an asset's value in use and decrease the asset's recoverable amount materially.
 - a halt in construction could indicate an impairment. Where construction is delayed or postponed to a specific date in the future, the project may be treated as work in progress and not considered as halted.
- II. Internal sources of information:
 - evidence of physical damage;
 - evidence of obsolescence;
 - significant changes with an adverse effect on the entity have taken place during the period, or are expected to take place in the near future, in the extent to which, or a manner in which, an asset is used or is expected to be used, including an asset becoming idle, plans to dispose of an asset before the previously expected date, and reassessing the useful life of an asset as finite rather than indefinite;
 - cash flow for acquiring an asset or maintenance cost thereafter is higher than originally budgeted;
 - the actual net cash flow or operating profit or loss flowing from an asset are significantly worse than those budgeted;
 - a significant decline in budgeted net cash flow or operating profit, or a significant increase in the budget loss, flowing from the asset; or
 - operating losses or net cash outflows for the asset, when current period amounts are aggregated with budgeted amounts for the future.
- III. Other indications, such as loss of market value.

Impairment of projects under construction

In assessing whether a halt in construction would trigger an impairment test, it should be considered whether construction has simply been delayed or postponed, whether the intention to resume construction in the near future or whether the construction work will not be completed in the foreseeable future. Where construction is delayed or postponed to a specific future date, the project may be treated as work in progress and is not considered as halted.

Intangible assets

The municipality must test all intangible assets associated with immovable PPE not yet available for use or which have an indefinite useful life for impairment. This impairment test may be performed at any time during the reporting period provided it is performed at the same time every year.

The most recent detailed calculation of such an asset's recoverable service amount made in a preceding period may be used in the impairment test for that asset in the current period, provided all of the following criteria are met:

- the most recent recoverable service amount calculation resulted in an amount that exceeded the asset's carrying amount by a substantial margin; and
- based on an analysis of events that have occurred and circumstances that have changed since the most recent recoverable service amount calculation, the likelihood that a current recoverable service amount determination would be less than the asset's carrying amount is remote.

Investment property on the fair value model

Investment property that is measured at fair value is specifically excluded from the scope of GRAP 21 and GRAP 26 (impairment standards). Any impairment would be reflected in the annual review of fair value.

Recoverable amount

The events and circumstances in each instance must be recorded. Where there are indications of impairment, the municipality must estimate the recoverable service amount of the asset and also consider adjustment of the remaining useful life, residual value, and method of depreciation.

Impairment loss

An impairment loss of a non-cash-generating unit or asset is defined as the amount by which the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable service amount. The recoverable service amount is the higher of the fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

An impairment loss of a cash-generating unit (smallest group of assets that generate cash inflows) or asset is the amount by which the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Non-cash-generating units

Non-cash-generating units are those assets (or group of assets) that are not used with the objective of generating a commercial return. Instead they are used to deliver services. This would typically apply to assets providing goods or services for community or social benefit.

The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less cost to sell and its value in use. It may be possible to determine the fair value even if the asset is not traded in an active market. If there is no binding sales agreement or active market for an asset, the fair value less cost to sell is based on the best information available to reflect the amount that an entity could obtain. However, sometimes it will not be possible to determine the fair value less cost to sell because there is no basis for making reliable estimates of the amount obtainable.

For non-cash generating assets which are managed on an ongoing basis to provide specialised services or public goods to the community, the value in use of the assets is likely to be greater than the fair value less cost to sell. In such cases the municipality may use the asset's value in use as its recoverable service amount. The value in use of a non-cash generating unit/asset is defined as the present value of the asset's remaining service potential. This can be determined using any of the following approaches:

- the Depreciated Replacement Cost (DRC) approach (and where the asset has enduring and material over-capacity, for example in cases where there has been a decline in demand, the Optimised Depreciated Replacement Cost (ODRC) approach may be used); or
- the restoration cost approach (the Depreciated Replacement Cost less cost of restoration) – usually used in cases where there has been physical damage

Where the present value of an asset's remaining service potential (determined as indicated above) exceeds the carrying value, the asset is not impaired.

Cash-generating unit

Cash-generating units are those assets used with the objective of generating a commercial return. Commercial returns mean that positive cash flows are expected to be significantly higher than the cost of the asset.

An asset generates a commercial return when it is deployed in a manner consistent with that adopted by a profit-oriented entity. In such cases, management's plans and decisions will indicate that the entity intends to generate positive cash flows that are expected to be significantly higher than the cost of the assets at acquisition.

The best evidence of an asset's fair value less costs to sell is a price in a binding sale agreement in an arm's length transaction. If there is no binding sale agreement but an asset is traded in an active market, fair value is the asset's market price. If there is no binding sale agreement or active market for an asset, fair value less costs to sell is based on the best information available to reflect the amount that the municipality could obtain, at the reporting date, from the disposal of the asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties.

In the case of specialised buildings (such as community buildings) and infrastructure where there is no such active and liquid market, a depreciated replacement cost (DRC) approach is generally used to identify the fair value.

Costs to sell are the costs directly attributable to the disposal of the asset (for example agents fees, legal costs), excluding finance costs and income tax expenses.

The value in use is determined by estimating the future cash inflows and outflows from the continuing use of the asset and net cash flows to be received or (paid) for the disposal of the assets at the end of its useful life, including factors to reflect risk in the respective cash-flows and the time value of money.

Designation as cash generating or non-cash-generating

At initial recognition, an entity shall designate an asset as non-cash-generating asset or cash-generating unit as cash-generating. The designation is made on the basis of an entity's objective of using the assets. Assets are designated as cash-generating or non-cash-generating based on the entity's objective of using the assets. Assets can either be used with the objective of generating a commercial return or delivering services. In some cases, an entity may use its assets to fulfil both objectives.

An asset may be used with the objective of generating a commercial return even though it does not meet that objective during a particular reporting period. Conversely, an asset may be a non-cash-generating asset even though it may be breaking even or generating a commercial return during a particular reporting period.

The designation of an asset will not change between reporting periods unless there has been a change in the entity's objective of using the asset that is expected to result in positive cash flows that are significantly higher than the cost of the asset. In cases when it is not clear what the overall objective of using the assets is, the presumption is that assets are used with the objective to deliver services.

Recognition of impairment

The impairment loss is recognised as an expense when incurred (unless the asset is carried at a re-valued amount, in which case the impairment is carried as a decrease in the Revaluation Reserve, to the extent that such reserve exists). After the recognition of an impairment loss, the depreciation charge for the asset is adjusted for future periods to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount, less its residual value (if any), on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

When no future economic benefit is likely to flow from an asset, it is derecognised and the carrying amount of the asset at the time of de-recognition, less any economic benefit from the de-recognition of the asset, is debited to the Statement of Financial Performance as a "Loss on Disposal of Asset".

In the event of compensation received for damages to an asset, the compensation is considered as the asset's ability to generate income and is disclosed under Sundry Revenue; and the asset is impaired/ de-recognised.

Reversing an impairment loss

The municipality must assess each year from the sources of information indicated above whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised in previous years may no longer exist or may have decreased. In such cases, the carrying amount is increased to its recoverable amount (providing that it does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised in prior periods). Any reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as a credit in surplus or deficit.

(b) Guideline

The municipality considers itself an entity whose objective is to provide goods and services for community or social benefit, and where positive cash flows are generated (such as from sale of trading services such as water services), these are with the view to support the primary objective rather than for financial return to equity holders and generally do not reflect the risks involved with managing the assets. Consequently, the default impairment treatment for the PPE and associated intangible assets of the municipality is that of non-cash generating assets.

In cases where it can be reliably demonstrated that an asset is managed with the objective of generating a commercial return (that it is deployed in a manner consistent with that adopted by a profit oriented entity, that the municipality intends to generate positive cash flows from the asset and earns a return that reflects the risk involved in managing the asset), the municipality applies the impairment treatment for cash-generating assets. The municipality will develop criteria so that it can exercise that judgement consistently in accordance with the definition of cash-generating assets.

Impairment of assets shall be recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Performance when it occurs. Ad-hoc impairment shall be identified as part of normal operational management as well as scheduled annual inspections of the assets.

i. De-recognition and disposal

(a) Definition and rules (as per GRAP standards)

Disposal

"Disposal" in relation to a capital asset, includes -

- the demolition, dismantling or destruction of the capital asset; or
- any other process applied to a capital asset which results in loss of ownership of the capital asset otherwise than by way of transfer of ownership;

Exempt assets

Capital assets transferred to another municipality or to a municipal entity or to a national or provincial organ of state in circumstances and in respect of categories of assets approved by the National Treasury, provided that such transfers are in accordance with a prescribed framework in terms of the Municipal Asset Transfer Regulations.

De-recognition

Assets are derecognised on disposal (including disposal through a non-exchange transaction) or when no future economic benefits or service potential are expected from its use or disposal. Where assets exist that have reached the end of their useful life yet they pose potential liabilities, the assets will not be derecognised until the obligations under the potential liabilities have been settled.

The carrying amount of the asset and the net disposal proceeds (or cost of de-commissioning and/or disposal of the asset) shall be included in the surpluses or (deficits) for the year when the item is derecognised.

Immovable PPE that are associated with the provision of basic services cannot be disposed without the approval of Council.

(b) Guideline

Government Gazette no.31346, Municipal asset transfer regulations, sets out the regulations regarding municipal asset transfers and disposals, for example type of assets that need approval to be disposed or transferred, timeframes, possible public participation requirements, considerations in approving the transfer or disposal and Council approval.

Read in conjunction with the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) it is clear that a municipality may not transfer ownership as a result of a sale or other transaction or otherwise permanently dispose of a capital asset needed to provide the minimum level of basic municipal services unless that transfer is to an organ of state, and the following conditions must be met:

- Ownership in the capital asset (including replacements, upgrading and improvements made by the organ of state) must immediately revert to the municipality should the organ of state for any reason cease to or is unable to render the service;
- The organ of state may not without the written approval of the municipality:
 - Transfer, dispose of or encumber the capital asset (including replacements, upgrading and improvements made by the organ of state) in any way;
 - Grant a right to another person to use, control or manage the capital asset (including replacements, upgrading and improvements made by the organ of state);
- The transfer agreement must reflect the conditions above; and
- The organ of state must demonstrate the ability to adequately maintain and safeguard the asset.

If the combined value of any non-exempt capital assets a municipality intends to transfer or dispose of in any financial year exceeds 5% of the total value of its assets, as determined from its latest available audited AFS, a public participation process must be conducted to facilitate the determinations of the municipal council, in relation to all the non-exempt capital assets proposed to be transferred or disposed of during the year.

Council may delegate the following powers and responsibilities to the Accounting Officer:

- The decision as to whether the non-exempt capital asset is needed to provide a basic service;
- The power to approve in-principle that the non-exempt capital asset may be transferred or disposed of; and
- The authority to approve in-principle of the granting of a right to use a capital asset. This delegation does not extend however, to cover long-term high-value transactions.

Disposal of assets should be at fair value. If payment for the item is deferred, the consideration received is recognised initially at the cash price equivalent (the total proceeds discounted to the present value as at the transaction date). The difference between the nominal amount of the consideration and the cash price equivalent is recognised as interest revenue.

Assets for which no future economic benefits or service potential are expected shall be identified and methods of disposal and the associated costs or income considered and approved by Council. The carrying amount of the asset shall be derecognised when no future economic benefits or service potential are expected from its use or its disposal. Where assets exist that have reached the end of their useful life yet they pose potential liabilities, the assets will not be derecognised until the obligations under the potential liabilities have been settled.

j. Insurance of assets

(a) Definition and rules

Insurance provides selected coverage for the accidental loss of asset value. The municipality can elect to insure certain infrastructure risks, though approval must be obtained from the Council.

The Group CFO must conduct a risk assessment of all assets and after considering the risks involved, report to Council, which assets must be insured. The risk assessment must be based on a loss probability analysis and if there is no capacity within the municipality to conduct the analysis, the Group CFO should be authorised to obtain external professional assistance. Other criteria include the tolerance and ability to self-absorb risks which might be insurable, the availability of cover in the market, the cost to obtain which might be prohibitive as well as self-insurance policies and procedures.

The municipality is not allowed to operate a self-insurance reserve unless it is cash backed and can be verified exactly what the amount set aside will be utilised for. Currently, COE is self-insuring by means of an aggregate fund provision on the operational budget. The funds within this budget fall away at the end of the financial year if they are unutilised.

Assets must be insured internally or externally and coverage must be based on the loss probability analysis. All insurance claims must be assessed by an official, charged with the responsibility for the insurance of assets, to determine whether the damage to the assets can be recovered from possible third parties involved.

If the damage was caused by an identifiable third party, the Group CFO should compile a report advising the Accounting Officer of the facts thereof and any possible further action.

(b) Guideline

The municipality must adhere to the disaster management plan for prevention and mitigation of disaster in order to be able to attract the disaster management contribution during or after disaster. The Council shall decide on insurance cover for assets each financial year based on the recommendation from the Municipal Manager after consultation with the Group CFO, and advise Council accordingly.

The Municipal Manager shall ensure that all Municipal buildings are insured at least against fire and allied perils.

k. Disclosures

PPE

In the financial statements, COE should disclose, for each class of property, plant and equipment recognised in the financial statements:

- (a) the measurement bases used for determining the gross carrying amount;
- (b) the depreciation methods used;
- (c) the useful lives or the depreciation rates used;
- (d) the gross carrying amount and the accumulated depreciation (aggregated with accumulated impairment losses) at the beginning and end of the period; and
- (e) a reconciliation of the carrying amount at the beginning and end of the period showing:
 - (i) additions;
 - (ii) disposal;
 - (iii) acquisitions through entity combinations;
 - (iv) increases or decreases resulting from revaluations (if any);
 - (v) impairment losses recognised in surplus or deficit in accordance with the Standards of GRAP on Impairment of Cash-generating Assets and Impairment of Non-cash-generating Assets (if any);
 - (vi) impairment losses reversed in surplus or deficit in accordance with the Standards of GRAP on Impairment of Cash-generating Assets and Impairment of Non-cash-generating Assets (if any);
 - (vii) depreciation;
 - (viii) the net exchange differences arising on the translation of the financial statements from the functional currency into a different presentation currency,

- including the translation of a foreign operation into the presentation currency of the reporting entity; and
- (ix) other changes.

The financial statements should also disclose for each class of property, plant and equipment recognised in the financial statements:

- (a) the existence and amounts of restrictions on title and property, plant and equipment pledged as securities for liabilities;
- (b) the amount of expenditures recognised in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment in the course of its construction;
- (c) the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment; and
- (d) if it is not disclosed separately on the face of the statement of financial performance, the amount of compensation from third parties for items of property, plant and equipment that were impaired, lost or given up that is included in surplus or deficit.

If items of property, plant and equipment are stated at revalued amounts, the following should be disclosed:

- (a) the effective date of the revaluation;
- (b) whether an independent valuer was involved;
- (c) the methods and significant assumptions applied in estimating the items' fair values;
- (d) the extent to which the items' fair values were determined directly by reference to observable prices in an active market or recent market transactions on arm's length terms or were estimated using other valuation techniques;
- (e) the revaluation surplus, indicating the change for the period and any restrictions on the distribution of the balance to owners of net assets.

COE should disclose the following information to users of financial statements for their relevant needs:

- (a) the carrying amount of any item of property, plant and equipment that was not used for any period of time during the reporting period that significantly impacted the delivery of goods and services of COE;
- (b) the gross carrying amount of any fully depreciated property, plant and equipment that is still in use;
- (c) the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment retired from active use and not classified as held for sale in accordance with the Standard of GRAP on Non-Current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations; and
- (d) when the cost model is used, the fair value of property, plant and equipment when this is materially different from the carrying amount; therefore, COE should disclose these amounts.

Investment Property

COE should disclose:

- (a) whether it applies the fair value model or the cost model;
- (b) if it applies the fair value model, whether, and in what circumstances, property interests held under operating leases are classified and accounted for as investment property;
- (c) when classification is difficult, the criteria it uses to distinguish investment property from owner-occupied property and from property held for sale in the ordinary course of operations;
- (d) the methods and significant assumptions applied in determining the fair value of investment property, including a statement whether the determination of fair value was supported by market evidence or was more heavily based on other factors (which the entity shall disclose) because of the nature of the property and lack of comparable market data;
- (e) the extent to which the fair value of investment property (as measured or disclosed in the financial statements) is based on a valuation by an independent valuer who holds

- a recognised and relevant professional qualification and has recent experience in the location and category of the investment property being valued. If there has been no such valuation, that fact shall be disclosed;
- (f) the amounts recognised in surplus or deficit for:
 - (i) rental revenue from investment property;
 - (ii) direct operating expenses (including repairs and maintenance) arising from investment property that generated rental revenue during the period; and
 - (iii) direct operating expenses (including repairs and maintenance) arising from investment property that did not generate rental revenue during the period;
 - (g) the existence and amounts of restrictions on the realisability of investment property or the remittance of revenue and proceeds of disposal; and
 - (h) contractual obligations to purchase, construct or develop investment property or for repairs, maintenance or enhancements.

COE should also disclose the following information because the municipality applies the cost model:

- (a) the depreciation methods used;
- (b) the useful lives or the depreciation rates used;
- (c) the gross carrying amount and the accumulated depreciation (aggregated with accumulated impairment losses) at the beginning and end of the period;
- (d) a reconciliation of the carrying amount of investment property at the beginning and end of the period, showing the following:
 - (i) additions, disclosing separately those additions resulting from acquisitions and those resulting from subsequent expenditure recognised as an asset;
 - (ii) additions resulting from acquisitions through transfer of functions between entities under common control, a transfer of functions between entities not under common control or a merger;
 - (iii) depreciation;
 - (iv) the amount of impairment losses recognised, and the amount of impairment losses reversed, during the period in accordance with the Standard of GRAP on Impairment of Cash-generating Assets;
 - (v) the net exchange differences arising on the translation of the financial statements into a different presentation currency, and on translation of a foreign operation into the presentation currency of the reporting entity;
 - (vi) transfers to and from inventories and owner-occupied property; and
 - (vii) other changes.

Entities are encouraged to disclose the fair value of investment property when this is materially different from the carrying amount.

COE shall disclose the following in the notes to the financial statements in relation to investment property which is in the process of being constructed or developed:

- (a) The cumulative expenditure recognised in the carrying value of investment property.
- (b) The carrying value of investment property that is taking a significantly longer period of time to complete than expected, including reasons for any delays
- (c) The carrying value of investment property where construction or development has been halted either during the current or previous reporting period(s). The entity shall also disclose reasons for halting the construction or development of the asset and indicate whether any impairment losses have been recognised in relation to these assets.

Intangible assets

COE should disclose the following for each class of intangible assets, distinguishing between internally generated intangible assets and other intangible assets:

- (a) Whether the useful lives are indefinite or finite and, if finite, the useful lives or the amortisation rates used.
- (b) The amortisation methods used for intangible assets with finite useful lives.
- (c) The gross carrying amount and any accumulated amortisation (aggregated with accumulated impairment losses) at the beginning and end of the period.

- (d) The line item(s) of the statement of financial performance in which any amortisation of intangible assets is included.
- (e) A reconciliation of the carrying amount at the beginning and end of the period showing:
 - (i) additions, indicating separately those from internal development and those acquired separately;
 - (ii) acquisitions through a transfer of functions between entities under common control, a transfer of functions between entities not under common control or a merger;
 - (iii) disposals;
 - (iv) increases or decreases during the period resulting from revaluations (if any);
 - (v) impairment losses recognised in surplus or deficit during the period in accordance with the Standards of GRAP on Impairment of Cash-generating Assets and Impairment of Non-cash-generating Assets (if any);
 - (vi) impairment losses reversed in surplus or deficit during the period in accordance with the Standards of GRAP on Impairment of Cash-generating Assets and Impairment of Non-cash-generating Assets (if any);
 - (vii) any amortisation recognised during the period;
 - (viii) net exchange differences arising on the translation of the financial statements into the presentation currency, and on the translation of a foreign operation into the presentation currency of the entity; and
 - (ix) other changes in the carrying amount during the period.

COE should disclose information on impaired intangible assets in accordance with the Standards of GRAP on Impairment of Cash-generating Assets and Impairment of Non-cash-generating Assets.

The Standard of GRAP on Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors requires COE to disclose the nature and amount of a change in an accounting estimate that has a material effect in the current period or is expected to have a material effect in subsequent periods. Such disclosure may arise from changes in:

- (a) the assessment of an intangible asset's useful life;
- (b) the amortisation method; or
- (c) residual values.

COE should also disclose:

- (a) for an intangible asset assessed as having an indefinite useful life, the carrying amount of that asset and the reasons supporting the assessment of an indefinite useful life. In giving these reasons, the entity shall describe the factor(s) that played a significant role in determining that the asset has an indefinite useful life;
- (b) a description, the carrying amount and remaining amortisation period of any individual intangible asset that is material to the entity's financial statements;
- (c) the existence and carrying amounts of intangible assets whose title is restricted and the carrying amounts of intangible assets pledged as security for liabilities; and
- (d) the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of intangible assets.

COE should disclose the aggregate amount of research and development expenditure recognised as an expense during the period.

COE is encouraged, but not required, to disclose the following information:

- (a) A description of any fully amortised intangible asset that is still in use.
- (b) A brief description of significant intangible assets controlled by COE but not recognised as assets because they did not meet the recognition criteria in this Standard on Intangible assets.

Heritage assets

The financial statements should disclose, for each class of heritage assets recognised in the financial statements:

- (a) the measurement bases used for determining the gross carrying amount;
- (b) the gross carrying amount aggregated with accumulated impairment losses at the beginning and of the period;
- (c) a reconciliation of the carrying amount at the beginning and end of the period showing:
 - (i) additions;
 - (ii) disposals;
 - (iii) acquisitions through a transfer of functions between entities under common control, a transfer of functions between entities not under common control or a merger;
 - (iv) increases or decreases resulting from revaluations under paragraphs .34, .51 and .52 (GRAP103) and from impairment losses recognised or reversed directly in net assets in accordance with the Standards of GRAP on Impairment of Non-cash-generating Assets and Impairment of Cash-generating Assets;
 - (v) impairment losses recognised in surplus or deficit in accordance with the Standards of GRAP on Impairment of Non-cash-generating Assets and Impairment of Cash-generating Assets;
 - (vi) impairment losses reversed in surplus or deficit in accordance with the Standards of GRAP on Impairment of Non-cash-generating Assets and Impairment of Cash-generating Assets;
 - (vii) the net exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements from the functional currency into a different presentation currency, including the translation of a foreign operation into the presentation currency of the reporting entity;
 - (viii) transfers to and from property, plant and equipment, investment property, inventories or intangible assets; and
 - (ix) other changes.

To the extent that it provides useful and relevant information, COE is encouraged to disclose:

- (a) information that will enable users to appreciate the age and/or condition of the heritage assets; and
- (b) information on heritage assets that are borrowed from, or on loan to other entities.

The financial statements should also disclose for each class of heritage assets recognised in the financial statements:

- (a) the existence and amounts of restrictions on title and disposal of heritage assets;
- (b) heritage assets pledged as securities for liabilities;
- (c) the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition, maintenance and restoration of heritage assets; and
- (d) if it is not disclosed separately on the face of the statement of financial performance, the amount of compensation from third parties for items of heritage assets that were impaired, lost or given up that is included in surplus or deficit.

The financial statements should disclose information about the alternative use and value of heritage assets that are used by COE for more than one purpose.

When COE does not recognise a heritage asset, or a class of heritage assets as a result of reliable measurement not being possible on initial recognition, COE shall disclose the following for each heritage asset or class of heritage assets:

- (a) A description of the heritage asset or class of heritage assets.
- (b) The reason why the heritage asset or class of heritage assets could not be measured reliably.
- (c) On disposal of the heritage asset or class of heritage assets, the compensation received and the amount recognised in the statement of financial performance.

In the exceptional cases, when an entity measures a heritage asset or class of heritage assets using the cost model, the reconciliation requires these additional information:

- (a) a description of the heritage asset or class of heritage assets,
- (b) an explanation why fair value cannot be determined reliably,
- (c) on disposal of the heritage asset or class of heritage assets:
 - (i) the fact that the entity has disposed of the heritage asset or class of heritage assets;
 - (ii) the carrying amount of that heritage asset or class of heritage assets at the time of sale; and
 - (iii) the amount of gain or loss recognised.

If the fair value of the heritage asset or class of heritage assets previously measured at cost less any impairment losses become reliably measurable during the current period, an entity shall disclose for those heritage assets or classes of heritage assets:

- (a) A description of the heritage asset or class of heritage assets;
- (b) An explanation why fair value has become reliably measurable; and
- (c) The effect of the change.

Impairments

COE shall disclose in the summary of accounting policies; the judgements management has made in applying the criteria to designate assets as non-cash-generating assets or cash-generating assets.

COE should disclose the following for each class of assets:

- (a) The amount of impairment losses recognised in surplus or deficit during the period and the line item(s) of the statement of financial performance in which those impairment losses are included.
- (b) The amount of reversals of impairment losses recognised in surplus or deficit during the period and the line item(s) of the statement of financial performance in which those impairment losses are reversed.
- (c) The amount of impairment losses on revalued assets recognised directly in net assets during the period.
- (d) The amount of reversals of impairment losses on revalued assets recognised directly in net assets during the period.

COE which reports segment information in accordance with the Standard of GRAP on Segment Reporting should disclose the following for each segment reported:

- (a) the amount of impairment losses recognised in surplus or deficit and directly in net assets during the period; and
- (b) the amount of reversals of impairment losses recognised in surplus or deficit and directly in net assets during the period.

COE should disclose the following for each material impairment loss recognised or reversed during the period:

- (a) the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of the impairment loss;
- (b) the amount of the impairment loss recognised or reversed;
- (c) the nature of the asset;
- (d) For COE which reports segment information in accordance with the Standard of GRAP on Segment Reporting, the reported segment to which the asset belongs, based on COE's reporting format;
- (e) whether the recoverable service amount of the asset is its fair value less costs to sell or its value in use;
- (f) if the recoverable service amount is fair value less costs to sell, the basis used to determine fair value less costs to sell (such as whether fair value was determined by reference to an active market);
- (g) if the recoverable service amount is value in use, the method and significant assumptions applied, including the discount rate(s) used in the current estimate and previous estimate (if any) of value in use; and

- (h) whether an independent valuer was used to determine the recoverable service amount.

COE should disclose the following information for the aggregate of impairment losses and aggregate reversals of impairment losses recognised during the period for which no information is disclosed:

- (a) the main classes of assets affected by impairment losses (and the main classes of assets affected by reversals of impairment losses); and,
- (b) the main events and circumstances that led to the recognition of these impairment losses and reversals of impairment losses.

COE should disclose in the notes information about the key assumptions used to determine the recoverable service amount of assets during the period that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets.

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are interest and other costs that an entity incurs in connection with borrowing of funds. It shall be the policy of the COE to expense borrowing costs in the period in which they are incurred.

Leases

- (a) *For each class of asset, the net carrying amount at reporting date;*
 - (b) *A reconciliation between the total of future minimum lease payments at reporting date and their present value for each of the following:*
 - (i) *Not later than one year;*
 - (ii) *Later than one year but not later than five years; and*
 - (iii) *Later than five years.*
 - (c) *Contingent rent recognised as expense in the period;*
 - (d) *The future minimum sublease payments to be received under a non-cancellable sublease at reporting date;*
 - (e) *A general description of the lessee's material leasing arrangements, including:*
 - (i) *Basis on which contingent rent payable is determined;*
 - (ii) *The existence and terms of renewal or purchase options and escalation clause; and*
 - (iii) *Restrictions imposed by lease arrangements; and*
 - (f) *The depreciation and finance charges relating to the leased asset.*
- Additional in the case of Finance leases of lessors:*
- (a) *Unearned finance revenue;*
 - (b) *The unguaranteed residual value accruing to the benefit of the lessor;*
 - (c) *Accumulative allowance for uncollectible minimum lease payments receivable; and*
 - (d) *Contingent rents recognised as revenue in the period*

Work in Progress

An entity shall disclose the following in the notes to the financial statement in relation to property, plant and equipment which is in the process of being constructed or developed:

- a) *The cumulative expenditure recognised in the carrying value of property, plant and equipment. These expenditures shall be disclosed in aggregate per class of asset.*
- b) *The carrying value of property, plant and equipment that is taking a significantly longer period of time to complete than expected, including reasons for any delays.*
- c) *The carrying value of property, plant and equipment where construction or development has been halted either during the current or previous reporting period(s). The entity shall also disclose reasons for halting the construction or development of the asset and indicate whether any impairment losses have been recognised in relation to these assets.*

12. RECONCILIATION

(a) Definitions and rules

The municipality might, from time to time, make use of technical systems to meet technical requirements.

(b) Guideline

All technical systems should be aligned with the fixed asset register system. It is the responsibility of the various departments to provide the Finance department with new asset information, for which the Finance department is responsible for updating in the financial asset register.

This relates not only to new completed project information but any asset information that will result in completeness of the asset register, for example third party roads that were transferred to the municipality because of a border change, should be made available to the Finance department.

13. SAFEGUARDING

(a) Definitions and rules

The municipality applies controls and safeguards to ensure that assets are protected against improper use, loss, theft, malicious damage or accidental damage.

The existence of assets must be physically verified from time-to-time, and measures adopted to control their use, as follows:

- Above ground assets should be verified for existence and any changes in condition at regular intervals. These inspections should be formally recorded and signed off and, where possible, shall be worked into the routine maintenance inspections.

The municipality may allocate day-to-day duties relating to such control, verification and safekeeping to asset custodians, and record such in the asset register.

(b) Guideline

The technical systems assist in the safeguarding of assets and indicate measures that are considered effective to ensure that all assets under control of the municipality are appropriately safeguarded from inappropriate use or loss, including the identification of asset custodians for all assets.

The impact of budgetary constraints on such measures shall be reported to Council. The existence, condition and location of these assets shall be verified annually (in line with the assessment of impairment).

14. POLICY FOR LIFE-CYCLE MANAGEMENT OF IMMOVABLE PPE ASSETS

(a) Definitions and rules

Service delivery

Immovable PPE assets (such as infrastructure and community facilities) are the means by which the municipality delivers a range of essential municipal services. Consequently, the management of such assets is critical to meeting the strategic objectives of the municipality and in measuring its performance.

Asset management

The goal of asset management of immovable PPE is to meet a required level of service, in the most cost-effective manner, through the management of assets for present and future customers. The core principles are:

- taking a life-cycle approach;
- developing cost-effective management strategies for the long-term;
- providing a defined level of service and monitoring performance;
- understanding and meeting the impact of growth through demand management and infrastructure investment;
- managing risks associated with asset failures;
- sustainable use of physical resources; and
- continuous improvement in the immovable PPE asset management practices.

(b) Guideline

The municipality shall provide municipal services for which the municipality is responsible, at an appropriate level, and in a transparent, accountable and sustainable manner, in pursuit of legislative requirements, SANS 55001: Asset Management - Management Systems – Requirements, and in support of its strategic objectives, according to the following core principles:

Effective governance

The municipality shall strive to apply effective governance systems to provide for consistent asset management and maintenance planning in adherence to and compliance with all applicable legislation to ensure that asset management is conducted properly, and municipal services are provided as expected. To this end, the municipality shall:

- continue to adhere to all constitutional, safety, health, systems, financial and asset-related legislation;
- regularly review updates and amendments to the above legislation;
- review and update its current policies and by-laws to ensure compliance with the requirements of prevailing legislation; and
- effectively apply legislation for the benefit of the community.

Sustainable service delivery

The municipality shall strive to provide to its customer's services that are technically, environmentally and financially sustainable. To this end, the municipality shall:

- identify a suite of levels and standards of service that conform with statutory requirements and rules for their application based on long-term affordability to the municipality;
- identify technical and functional performance criteria and measures, and establish a commensurate monitoring and evaluation system;
- identify current and future demand for services, and demand management strategies;
- set time-based targets for service delivery that reflect the need to newly construct, upgrade, renew, and dispose infrastructure assets, where applicable in line with national targets;
- apply a risk management process to identify service delivery risks at asset level and appropriate responses;
- prepare and adopt a maintenance strategy and plan to support the achievement of the required performance;
- allocate budgets based on long-term financial forecasts that take cognisance of the full life-cycle needs of existing and future infrastructure assets and the risks to achieving the adopted performance targets;
- strive for alignment of the financial statements with the actual service delivery potential of the infrastructure assets; and
- implement its tariff and credit control and debt collection policies to sustain and protect the affordability of services by the community.

Social and economic development

The municipality shall strive to promote social and economic development in its municipal area by means of delivering municipal services in a manner that meet the needs of the various customer user-groups in the community. To this end, the municipality shall:

- regularly review its understanding of customer needs and expectations through effective consultation processes covering all service areas;
- implement changes to services in response to changing customer needs and expectations where appropriate;
- foster the appropriate use of services through the provision of clear and appropriate information;
- ensure services are managed to deliver the agreed levels and standards; and
- create job opportunities and promote skills development in support of the national EPWP.

Custodianship

The municipality shall strive to be a responsible custodian and guardian of the community's assets for current and future generations. To this end, the municipality shall:

- establish a spatial development framework that takes cognisance of the affordability to the municipality of various development scenarios;
- establish appropriate development control measures including community information;
- cultivate an attitude of responsible utilisation and maintenance of its assets, in partnership with the community;
- ensure that heritage resources are identified and protected; and
- ensure that a long-term view is taken into account in infrastructure asset management decisions.

Transparency

The municipality shall strive to manage its infrastructure assets in a manner that is transparent to all its customers, both now and in the future. To this end, the municipality shall:

- develop and maintain a culture of regular consultation with the community with regard to its management of infrastructure in support of service delivery;
- clearly communicate its service delivery plan and actual performance through its Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP);
- avail immovable PPE asset management information on a ward basis; and
- continuously develop the skills of councillors and officials to effectively communicate with the community with regard to service levels and standards.

Cost-effectiveness and efficiency

The municipality shall strive to manage its infrastructure assets in an efficient and effective manner. To this end, the municipality shall:

- assess life-cycle options for proposed new infrastructure in line with the Supply Chain Management Policy;
- regularly review the actual extent, nature, utilisation, criticality, performance and condition of infrastructure assets to optimise planning and implementation works;
- assess and implement the most appropriate maintenance of infrastructure assets to achieve the required network performance standards and to achieve the expected useful life of infrastructure assets;
- continue to secure and optimally utilise governmental grants in support of the provision of free basic services;
- implement new and upgrading construction projects to maximise the utilisation of budgeted funds;
- ensure the proper utilisation and maintenance of existing assets subject to availability of resources;
- establish and implement demand management plans;
- timeously renew infrastructure assets based on capacity, performance, risk exposure, and cost;
- timeously dispose of infrastructure assets that are no longer in use;
- review management and delivery capacity, and procure external support as necessary;
- establish documented processes, systems and data to support effective life-cycle infrastructure asset management;

- strive to establish a staff contingent with the required skills and capacity, and procure external support as necessary; and
- conduct regular and independent assessments to support continuous improvement of infrastructure asset management practice.

Planning documents

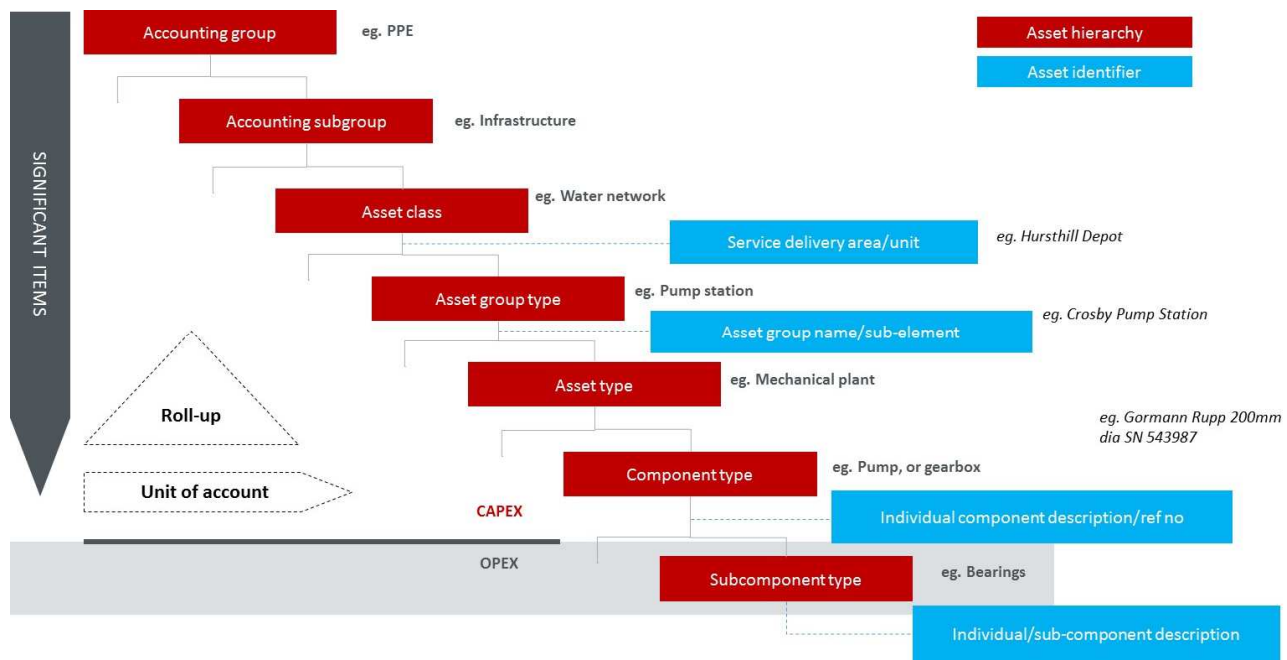
- a) The key instrument for documenting and planning the life-cycle management of immovable PPE will be asset management plans prepared for each service area. The applicable service areas for EMM are as follows:
 - Potable water;
 - Sanitation;
 - Roads and storm-water;
 - Electricity supply; and
 - Community assets (including solid waste).
- b) The following planning documents will be updated bi-annually;
 - Socio-economic study
 - Backlog study
 - Asset Management Plans (AMP)
 - Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP)

15. CONTENTS OF THE ASSET REGISTER

Without in any way detracting from the compliance criteria mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, the fixed asset register shall reflect at least the following information:

- a) Asset hierarchy
- b) The date on which the asset was acquired for use
- c) The location of the asset
- d) The departments within which the assets will be utilized
- e) The responsible person for this asset
- f) The stand number, in the case of fixed property
- g) A unique identification number
- h) The original cost or fair value if no costs are available
- i) The (last) effective date of revaluation of the fixed assets subject to revaluation
- j) The revalued value of such fixed assets
- k) Expected useful life and remaining useful life
- l) Accumulated depreciation to date
- m) The carrying value of the asset
- n) Whether this is a cash or non-cash generating asset
- o) The method and, where applicable, the rate of depreciation
- p) Impairment losses
- q) Impairment reversals
- r) the source of financing
- s) Whether the asset is required to perform basic municipal services;
- t) The date on which the asset is disposed of
- u) The disposal proceeds
- v) The residual value of each asset
- w) Measurement model

The basis for asset identification and measurement is the asset hierarchy that is a framework for segmenting an asset base into appropriate classifications to enable componentisation.



An asset hierarchy consisting of six (6) levels has been developed that identifies asset components, groups them into types of assets (e.g. mechanical, electrical or civil), combines these into a facility or asset group (e.g. treatment works or pump station), groups facilities into a network (e.g. water supply), and slots that network into the category infrastructure under the accounting group of assets referred to as “Property, Plant and Equipment”, as shown in the figure below.

Refer to **Annexure A** for the Hierarchy of City of Ekurhuleni.

ANNEXURE A: IMMOVABLE ASSET HIERARCHY

Accounting Sub-group	Asset Class	Asset Group Type
Community Assets	Community facilities	Airports
		Cemeteries / Crematoria
		Clinics / Care centres
		Galleries
		Halls
		Libraries
		Markets
		Museums
		Parks
		Public ablution facilities
		Public open space
		Taxi ranks / Bus terminals
		Theatres
	Sport and recreation facilities	Indoor facilities
		Land
		Outdoor facilities
Heritage assets	Historic Buildings	Areas of Land of Historic Specific Significance
	Monuments	National Monuments
	Conservation area	National Parks
	Works of art	Works of art
		Collections
	Other Heritage assets	Cemeteries and gravesites
Infrastructure Assets	Solid Waste Infrastructure	Landfill Sites
		Waste transfer stations
		Garden refuse sites
	Electricity Infrastructure	HV Networks
		LV Networks

Accounting Sub-group	Asset Class	Asset Group Type
		MV Networks
		Capital Spares
	Information and communications Infrastructure	Access Layer
		Core Layer
		Data Centre Environment
		Distribution Layer
		Capital Spares
	Roads infrastructure	Road furniture
		Road structures
		Roads
		Capital Spares
	Storm water infrastructure	Storm water Conveyance
		Attenuation
		Drainage Collection
	Sanitation Infrastructure	Outfall sewers
		Pump stations
		Reticulation
		Waste Water Treatment Works
		Capital Spares
	Water supply Infrastructure	Bulk Mains
		Distribution
		PRV stations
		Boreholes
		Pump stations
		Reservoirs
		Capital Spares
Intangible Assets	Software/ Licences and rights	Computer Software and Applications
	Servitudes	Electricity servitude
		Sanitation servitude

Accounting Sub-group	Asset Class	Asset Group Type
Investment Property	Investment Property	Sewerage servitude
		Water servitude
		Improved property
		Unimproved property
Land	Land	Land
Other Assets	Housing	Social housing
		Staff housing
	Operational Buildings	Fire / Ambulance stations
		Laboratories
		Municipal offices
		Pay / Enquiry points
		Stores
		Testing stations
		Ward / CCC offices
		Workshops
		Yards

ANNEXURE B: EXPECTED USEFUL LIVES OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS

Component Type	Expected Useful Life (years)
Air conditioning	8 – 15
Anchored wall	50
Baler	15
Ballast	80
Batteries / battery charger	10 – 20
Billboard	15 – 30
Carport	15
Channel	20
Chiller	10
Communal standpipe	10
Communication switch	5
Commuter shelter	15 – 30
Compactor	15
Compressor	10
Control cable	5 – 10
Control panel	50
Conveyor belt	10
Culvert	60
Current transformer	50
Distributed control system	15
Doser	15
Earth structure	50
Earthworks	100
Electrical installation (building)	30
Electrical service connection	50
Electricity meters	10 – 30
Engine	10 – 20
External furniture	20
External lighting	30
Extraction blower	15
Fabricated steel	10 – 40
Fan	15
Fibre optic cable	15 – 20
Filter media	10
Finishes, fixtures & fittings	15
Fire protection	20
Footpath	20 – 40
Flare stack	30
Floor	50
Gabions	40 – 80
Gasometer	15
Gearbox	15
Generator	20

Component Type	Expected Useful Life (years)
Generator breaker / busbar / transformer	50
Grid inlet	30
Guard rail	25
Heat exchanger	30
High mast light	50
HV busbars	50
HV cable	50
HV circuit breaker	50
HV compact circuit breaker, isolator, and current transformer unit	50
HV earth switch	50
HV isolator	50
HV overhead line conductor	50
HV overhead line support structure	50
HV transformer	50
Hydrant	20
Irrigation	10
Improved investment property	40 – 60
Kerb	50
Kerb inlet	20
Landscaping	30 – 50
Lifts	30
Lightning mast and shield wiring	50
Lining - landfill	50
Liquid gas installation	20
Load control set	20
LV breaker	30
LV cable	60
LV overhead line	45
Masonry structure	50
Mini roundabout	20
Motor	15
MV busbars	50
MV cable	50
MV circuit breaker	50
MV compact circuit breaker, isolator and current transformer unit	50
MV isolator	50
MV overhead line	45
MV transformer	50
Paving	20 – 40
Pedestrian bridges	30 – 50
Perimeter protection	15 – 30
Pipe - sewer	30 – 100
Pipe – storm water	50

Component Type	Expected Useful Life (years)
Pipe - water	40 – 80
Plumbing	20
Pumps	12 - 15
Radio infrastructure	10
RC structure	50 – 80
Retaining wall	40 – 60
Ring main unit	50
Road bridges	50 – 80
Road structural layer	30 – 80
Road surface	3 – 20
Roof	30 – 40
Router	10
Security system	5 – 10
Septic tank	40
Server	10
Sign - general	15
Sign - regulatory	7
Small building / enclosure	20 – 50
Spectator stand	50
Speed hump	50
Sports field / sport installations	15 – 50
Steel structure	60
Storage area network	10
Street lights	45
Street rubbish bin	10 – 20
Subsoil drain	50
Surge arrestor	50
Tank	15 – 30
Telemetry	10
Traffic island	30
Traffic signal units	15
Uninterrupted power supply	10
Valves	15 – 45
Vending station	15
Voltage transformer	50
Walls	60
Water meter	10
Weighbridge	15
Well	30
Winch	15
Wireless access point	10

ANNEXURE C: EXPECTED USEFUL LIVES OF MOVABLE ASSETS

Code	Asset Type	Expected Useful Life (years)
30300	FURNITURE AND FITTINGS	
30301	CHAIRS	7
30302	TABLES AND DESKS	7
30303	CABINETS AND CUPBOARDS	7
30304	FURNITURE AND FITTINGS OTHER	7
30400	BINS AND CONTAINERS	
30401	HOUSEHOLD REFUSE BINS	5
30402	BULK CONTAINERS	10
30500	EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	
30501	FIRE EQUIPMENT	15
30502	AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT	5
30503	FIRE HOSES	5
30504	EMERGENCY LIGHTS	5
30600	MOTOR VEHICLES	
30601	FIRE ENGINES	20
30602	BUSES	15
30603	MOTOR VEHICLES	5
30604	MOTOR CYCLES	3
30605	TRUCKS AND BAKKIES	5
30700	AIRCRAFT	15
30800	WATERCRAFT	15
30900	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	
30901	GRADERS	10
30902	TRACTORS	10
30903	MECHANICAL HORSES	10
30904	FARM EQUIPMENT	5
30905	LAWNMOWERS	2
30906	COMPRESSORS	5
30907	LABORATORY EQUIPMENT	5
30908	RADIO EQUIPMENT	5
30909	FIRE ARMS	5
30910	TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	5
30911	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT GENERAL	5
30912	CABLE CARS	15
30913	IRRIGATION SYSTEMS	15
30914	CREMATORS	15
30915	LATHES	15
30916	MILLING EQUIPMENT	15
30917	CONVEYORS	15
30918	FEEDERS	15

Code	Asset Type	Expected Useful Life (years)
30919	TIPPERS	15
30920	PULVERISING MILLS	15
40000	INVESTMENT ASSETS	
40100	LAND MAIN INVESTMENT	30
40200	FARMS	30
40300	MINERAL RIGHTS	30
40400	OFFICE PARKS	30
40500	SHOPPING CENTERS	30
40600	HOUSING: SELLING SCHEMES	20

Description
Alco meters (Breathalyzer)
Amplifier
Analyzer - breath
Antenna
Apparatus - beam, blood, bridge, eye tester, horse, suction etc.
Ashtray
B.A pack (Back pack for oxygen bottle)
Bag sealer
Base station for alarms
Bath (chemical)
Bath (water)
Battery - car, radio, etc.
Battery pack
Baumanometer
Beater - grass
Bench: cafeteria, park, steel, wood
Waste Bins - concrete, metal, plastic, refuse, wood
Blanket
Blinds
Block and tackle (Tool to lift heavy objects)
Blower: Cylinder, Electric
Board: Advertising, drawing, ironing, notice, writing white, scaffolding
Boiler
Book
Box: Ballot, cash, cooler, first aid, money, tender, safety, toys
Breaker - door
Briefcase
Bulb
Burner (big gas burner)
Burner - Bunsen (small burner used in laboratories)
Calculator - desk, pocket
Can - jerry, petrol

Description
Card reader
Carpet - loose and fixed, door mat, protector (plastic)
Cartridge - deionization (organic removal pack/pre-treatment carbon/reverse osmosis)
Chain
Chair: Plastic, steel stackable, bonny, crèche, rick stacker.
Charger - battery
Chart - flip
Clip remover (clinic)
Clock - kitchen, wall
Clothing - rain (boot / clothes / coat / suit)
Clothing - safety (belt / boot / glove /hat / suit / bulletproof vest)
Coil
Communication Belt Packs and Headsets
Compass
Computer: Keyboard, modem, mouse, extender, pen writer, speaker, splitter.
Computer commas link, internal cd writer, hub, switch, Power bank, Memory stick, USB flash drives, External hard drive, etc.
Cones - road (red, yellow, etc.)
Container - pot plant
Control - remote (entrance gate)
bunk beds, beds
Coupling - pump, water
Cover
Crate
Curtains
Cylinder - acetylene, gas, measuring, oxygen, diving.
Desiccators (spaghetti mop drier), cloth, mop, mopping unit - bucket, wringer
Dish - DSTV/satellite
Dish - kidney (clinics.)
Dispenser, - foam fire equipment
Divider (Partition)
Division Isomantle (Medical equipment)
Door
Dryer - hair
Easel
Eater - weed
Electrode (equipment used in transformers)
Engraver
Extension cable / cord - electricity
Extinguisher - fire
Fan - ceiling, desk, pedestal
First aid box / kit
Flag pole and rope
Forceps (instrument used at clinics)
Gas - cylinder, heater, lamp, torch, welding,
Glass stuff - pipette/test tube

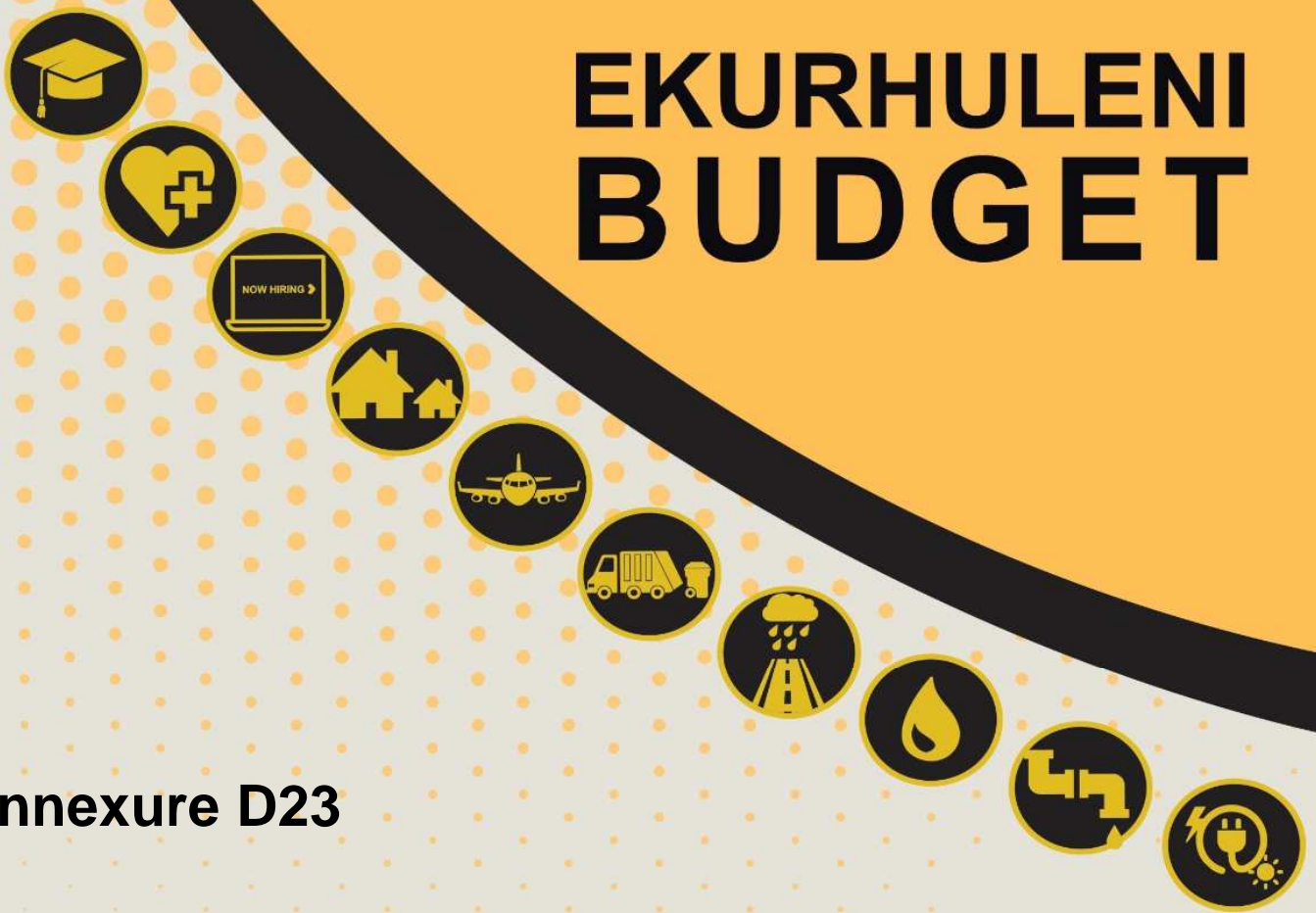
Description
Glove - leather, rubber
Goal posts
Grinder: Angle, Bench, Disc
Head - collecting
Heater - electric / gas / oil / paraffin
Height measurements
Helmet - welding
Hook - ceiling
Horse rocking
Hose - fire, garden, winder
Hotplate, hot tray.
Inductor - foam/gelid
Intercom
Inverter
Iron - board, domestic to straighten textiles, presser, soldering
Jumping castle
K53 driving test equipment (simulators used at licence dept. use to test candidates)
Kitchen ware: kettle, crockery, cutlery, knife, fork, cook ware, cooker pressure, flask - erlin meyer / volumetric, electric frying pan, pot, toaster, urn, blender, holder - paper towel, stitch, swab etc.
Hydrant (fire hydrant)
Ladder - aluminium, extension, hook, step
Lamp - examination, gas, uv arc, etc.
Laryngoscope. (throat mirror)
Light - emergency (light with battery backup), medical light used by medical personnel, re-chargeable (light that is re-chargeable), spot (spotlights used on vehicles), timing light (in workshop to tune car engines.), demo (lights used at electricity to demonstrate the amount of electricity used)
Lock - door, pad, chain
Loudhailer
Mallet - rubber
Mat - measuring
Mattress
Megaphone
Meter - baunometer/blood preasure/gluco/HB/peak flow (clinic.)
Meter - decibel, micro, multi, sound level
Meter density, flow meter, glucose meter, multi meter, voltage meter.
Microfiche.
Microphone
Mirror - framed, etc. (all types)
Model - human body, scull, etc.
Nozzle
Office stationery - guillotine, paper punch, staplers, scissors, pencil sharpener etc.
Overall (protective clothing, dust coat)
Pager
Partition stand, partition pole
Pictures, photograph - framed, etc.
Pin set

Description
Planer
Pounder
Press - ironing, steel
Reel - electric cable, hose
Rod - extension, waste water
Route finder.
Scale - adult, baby, bathroom, lab, post, etc.
Scope: Fetal- / Oro- / Steto- (Medical Equipment)
Screen - medical, welding, safety.
Scriber
Shackle
Shield - riot
Shifting
Snip - tin
Sound: Blaster(Computer), system
Speculum (instrument used at clinics)
Sprayer - back, chemical
Spreader - jaws (instrument used at clinics)
Stand Coat and Hat
Standpipe - water
Steps: metal, mobile, wood.
Stethoscope - mechanical
Stick - link, telescopic
Stool - foot (Clinics)
Strainer - basket/metal
Strapper
Suit: Chemical / Hazardous chemical / Thermal (protective clothing used by fire department)
Table: Folding, steel, plastic, plastic creche.
Tank - water
Telephone digital, cordless, telecom, cell phones, etc
Tester - 500 volt, decibel, electricity, tong (elec.), battery, bilo, current, earth leakage, gas(exhaust),spark plug.
Tester - battery / compression / cooling system, gas
<u>Tools: (Tools generally are expense items. The list below is not exhaustive and types listed provide a guideline):</u> Corner, crimping, divider, flaring, halogen, wrench - (bobbejaan, monkey, pipe), broom, bucket, crowbar; Cutter - (bolt, brush, pipe, side, tile, edge, I.D. photo, steel), clamp, chisel, cord - extension, detector metal, Driver - screw, file (tool to smooth metal), float (tool to smoothen cement), gauge-(gas, pressure, pump, tyre); Grip - vice, drill, drill bit, gun - hilti / grease, hammer, hoist, jack- (hydraulic, vehicle), allan keys (tool used at workshop) , <u>Jack Hammer - (air, electric)</u> , level (used by builder to check level) , line - chalk, opener - manhole, pick, plane; Pliers - crimping 4-16mm, puller - bearing, rake, pop rivet, rope-towing, router, sander socket, Saw - (blade, bow, chain, circular, hack, jig), scaffold, spade, spanner - (combination ring, shifting, valve, wheel), stripper-wire, tape-measuring, thermometer-dial, leveling,surveying equipment, trestle, Torch - (gas, maglite, rechargeable); trowel (used by builders) , vice - workshop, Welder - (arc, electric), winch, sewer equipment - (rods and brushes to clean sewers), square combination, Pump - (foot, grease, oil, petrol), rucksack spray (health), sprayer poison, sling towing, socket, Set - BA, stock & dice (tool used at workshop to tread pipes)
Toolbox - medicine, tools

Description
Trampoline
Transformer (small) - 220/32/24/24 volt
Tray - emergency, instrument, etc.
Tray Cards
Tray letter - plastic, wood
Tripod (stand for cameras)
Trolley - stainless steel, steel, two wheel for heavy objects etc.
Trunk -medicine
Tube - pickup



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Annexure D23

COST CONTAINMENT POLICY

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COST CONTAINMENT POLICY

1. DEFINITIONS

- a) “Act” means the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003);
- b) “Consultant” means a professional person, individual, partnership, corporation, or a company, registered with a professional institution or body, and appointed to provide technical and specialist advice or to assist with a design and implementation of projects or to assist a municipality or municipal entity perform its functions to achieve the objects of local government in terms of section 152 of the Constitution;
- c) “Cost containment” means measures implemented to curtail spending in terms of these regulations;
- d) “Credit card” means a card issued by a registered financial service provider, which creates a revolving account and grants a line of credit to the cardholder;
- e) *Accounting Officer (MFMA)* in relation to a municipality, means the municipal official referred to in section 60 of the MFMA;
- f) *Chief Financial Officer (MFMA)* in relation to a municipality, means person designated in terms of section 80(2)(a) of the MFMA;
- g) *Head of Department (MFMA)* in relation to a municipality, means a person appointed in terms of section 56 of the Municipal Systems Act;
- h) *Approved Budget (MFMA)* means an annual budget-
 - i. approved by a municipal council; or
 - ii. approved by a provincial or the national executive following an intervention in terms of section 139 of the Constitution, and includes such an annual budget as revised by an adjustments budget in terms of section 28 of the Act.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Municipal cost containment regulations (2019) gazetted in National Treasury Notice number 317 of 2019, provides that each municipality and municipal entity must revise or develop and implement a cost containment policy which must-

- a) in the case of a municipality, be adopted by the municipal council, and in the case of a municipal entity, by the board of directors as part of its budget related policies;
- b) define a municipality or municipal entity’s objectives for the use of consultants; and;
- c) be consistent with the Act and the cost containment regulations.

The cost containment policy of a municipality or a municipal entity contemplated above must-

- a) be in writing;
- b) give effect to these regulations;
- c) be reviewed annually, as may be appropriate;
- d) be communicated on the municipality’s website and
- e) set out-
 - i. measures for ensuring implementation of the policy;
 - ii. procedures for the annual review of the policy; and
 - iii. consequences for non-adherence to the measures contained therein.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

The objectives of the policy are to ensure that resources of the City of Ekurhuleni are used effectively, efficient and economically by implementing cost containment measures.

4. SCOPE OF THE POLICY

This policy applies to:

- a) All Councillors;
- b) All Board Members of the CoE entities;
- c) All employees of the City of Ekurhuleni and employees of the entities.

5. LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

The legislative framework governing cost containment are:

- a) Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003 section 62(1)(a), 78(1)b, 95(a) and 105(1)(b);
- b) MFMA Circular 82 dated 07th December 2016; and
- c) Municipal Cost Containment Regulations issued in terms of national Treasury Notice 317 of 2019.

6. RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER POLICIES THAT HAVE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This policy must be read in conjunction with other municipal policies that have financial implications. The letter and spirit of this policy overrides financial matters contained in other policies.

7. USE OF CONSULTANTS

- a) The City and/ or any of its entities may only appoint consultants if an assessment of the needs and requirements confirms that it does not have the requisite skills or resources in its full -time employ to perform the function;
- b) The remuneration framework for consultants must be fair and reasonable taking into account the rates-
 - i. determined in the "Guideline on fees for audits undertaken on behalf of the Auditor-General of South Africa", issued by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA);
 - ii. set out in the "Guide on Hourly Fee Rates for Consultants", issued by the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA); or
 - iii. as prescribed by the body regulating the profession of the consultant.
- c) The tender documentation for the appointment of consultants must include a clause that the remuneration rates will be subject to negotiation, not exceeding the applicable rates mentioned above;
- d) When negotiating cost-effective consultancy rates for international consultants, the City may take into account the relevant international and market-determined rates.
- e) When consultants are appointed, the accounting officer must -
 - i. appoint consultants on a time and cost basis with specific start and end dates;

- ii. where practical, appoint consultants on an output-specified basis, subject to specific measurable objectives and associated remuneration;
 - iii. ensure that contracts with consultants include overall cost ceilings by specifying whether the contract price is inclusive or exclusive of travel and subsistence disbursements;
 - iv. ensure the transfer of skills by consultants to the relevant officials of the municipality or municipal entity;
 - v. undertake all engagements of consultants in accordance with the Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations, 2005 and the municipality or municipal entity's supply chain management policy; and
 - vi. develop consultancy reduction plans to reduce the reliance on consultants.
- f) All contracts with consultants must include a fee retention or penalty clause for poor performance;
 - g) The City and all its entities must ensure that the specifications and performance are used as a monitoring tool for the work to be undertaken and are appropriately recorded and monitored;
 - h) The travel and subsistence costs of consultants must be in accordance with the national travel policy issued by the National Department of Transport (NDOT), as updated from time to time; and
 - i) The contract price must specify all travel and subsistence costs and if the travel and subsistence costs for appointed consultants are excluded from the contract price, such costs must be reimbursed in accordance with the national travel policy of the NDOT.

8. VEHICLES USED FOR POLITICAL OFFICE BEARERS

- a) The threshold limit for vehicle purchases relating to official use by political office-bearers must not exceed R700 000 or 70% (VAT inclusive) of the total annual remuneration package for the different grades of municipalities, as defined in the Public Office Bearers Act and the notices issued in terms thereof by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, whichever is lower;
- b) The procurement of vehicles mentioned above must be undertaken using the national government transversal contract mechanism, unless it may be procured at a lower cost through other procurement mechanisms in line with the City's policies such as Supply Chain Management Policy and Fleet Policy;
- c) Before deciding to procure a vehicle as contemplated above, the accounting officer or delegated official must provide the council with information relating to the following criteria which must be considered-
 - i. status of current vehicles;
 - ii. affordability of options including whether to procure a vehicle as compared to rental or hire thereof, provided that the most cost effective option is followed and the cost is equivalent to or lower than that contemplated in (a) above;
 - iii. extent of service delivery backlogs;
 - iv. terrain for effective usage of the vehicle; and
 - v. any other policy of council.
- d) If the rental option referred to in (c)(ii) is preferred, the City must review the costs incurred regularly to ensure that value for money is obtained;
- e) Regardless of their usage, vehicles for official use by political office bearers may only be replaced after completion of 120 000 kilometres;
- f) Notwithstanding sub section (5), a municipality or municipal entity may replace a vehicle for official use by political office bearers before the completion of 120 000km only in instances where the vehicle has a serious mechanical problem and is in a poor

- condition and subject to obtaining a detailed mechanical report by the vehicle manufacturer or approved dealer; and
- g) The use of municipal vehicles for official purposes is subject to a different policy referred to as “Vehicles Policy for municipal officials”.

9. TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE

- a) The City Manager or delegate-
- i. may approve the purchase of economy class tickets for all officials or political office bearers where the flying time for the flights is five hours or less; and
 - ii. may only approve the purchase of business class tickets for officials, political office bearers and persons reporting directly to the accounting officer for flights exceeding five hours.
- b) In the case of the accounting officer, the mayor may approve the purchase of economy class tickets where the flying time is five hours or less and business class tickets for flights exceeding five hours;
- c) Notwithstanding sub-sections (a) or (b), the accounting officer, or the mayor in the case of an accounting officer, may approve the purchase of business class tickets for an official or a political office bearer with a disability or a medically certified condition;
- d) International travel is limited to meetings or events that are considered critical for the constitutional and legislative functions of the City. The number of officials or political office bearers attending such meetings or events must be limited to those officials or political office bearers directly involved in the subject matter related to such meetings or events;
- e) An accounting officer, or the mayor in the case of the accounting officer, may approve accommodation costs that exceed an amount as determined from time to time by the National Treasury through a notice only-
- i. during peak holiday periods; or
 - ii. when major local or international events are hosted in a particular geographical area that results in an abnormal increase in the number of local and /or international guests in that particular geographical area.
- f) An official or a political office bearer of a municipality or municipal entity must-
- a) utilise the municipal fleet, where viable, before incurring costs to hire vehicles;
 - b) make use of available public transport or a shuttle service if the cost of such a service is lower than-
 - (i) the cost of hiring a vehicle;
 - (ii) the cost of kilometres claimable by the official or political office bearer; and
 - (iii) the cost of parking.
 - c) not hire vehicles from a category higher than Group B or an equivalent class; and
 - d) where a different class of vehicle is required for a particular terrain or to cater for the special needs of an official, seek the written approval of the accounting officer before hiring the vehicle.
- g) A municipality or a municipal entity must utilise the negotiated rates for flights and accommodation as communicated from time to time by the National Treasury through a notice or any other available cheaper flight and accommodation;
- h) Travelling must be pre-authorised by the appropriately delegated official before such travelling can be undertaken and costs incurred, and the said official must ensure that the kilometers claimed are justifiable; and
- i) Travelling outside the province of Gauteng must be pre-approved by the Head of Department before the employee can embark on it.

10. DOMESTIC ACCOMMODATION

- a) The accounting officer or delegate must ensure that costs incurred for domestic accommodation and meals are in accordance with the maximum allowable rates for domestic accommodation and meals as communicated from time to time by the National Treasury through a notice and
- b) Overnight accommodation may only be booked where the return trip exceeds 500 kilometres.

11. CREDIT CARDS

- a) The accounting officer must ensure that no credit card or debit card linked to a bank account of a municipality or a municipal entity is issued to any official or political office bearer, including members of the board of directors of municipal entities; and
- b) Where officials or political office bearers incur expenditure in relation to official municipal activities, such officials or political officer bearers must use their personal credit cards or cash or arrangements made by the municipality or municipal entity, and request reimbursement in accordance with the written approved Petty Cash policy and processes.

12. SPONSORSHIPS, EVENTS AND CATERING

- a) The City or its entity may not incur catering expenses for meetings that are only attended by persons in the employ of the municipality or municipal entity, unless the prior written approval of the accounting officer is obtained;
- b) At the discretion of the City Manager or delegate, catering and refreshment expenses may be incurred at meetings with overseas visitors and other spheres of government (National/ Provincial) after budget availability has been confirmed by the Budget Office;
- c) Catering expenses may only be incurred for the hosting of meetings, conferences, workshops, courses, forums, recruitment interviews, and proceedings of council that exceed five hours;
- d) Entertainment allowances of qualifying officials may not exceed two thousand rand (R2,000) per person per financial year, unless approved otherwise by the accounting officer;
- e) No expenses may be incurred for alcoholic beverages unless the City or entity can recover the cost from the sale of such beverages;
- f) Social events, team building exercises, year-end functions, sporting events and budget vote dinners are not to be financed from the municipality or the municipal entity's budgets or by any suppliers or sponsors;
- g) No expenses may be incurred on corporate branded items like clothing or goods for personal use of officials, other than uniforms, office supplies and tools of trade unless costs related thereto are recovered from affected officials or is an integral part of the business model; and
- h) Expenditure may be incurred that does not exceed the limits for petty cash usage (R2,000) to host farewell functions in recognition of officials who retire after serving the municipality or municipal entity for ten or more years or retire on grounds of ill health.

13. COMMUNICATION

- a) The City and/ or the entity may, as far as possible, advertise municipal related events on its website instead of advertising in magazines, radios or newspapers;
- b) Allowances to officials for private calls and data costs are limited to an amount as determined by the accounting officer in the Cell Phone and Data Policy of the municipality or municipal entity;
- c) The costs of private calls exceeding the allowances must be recovered by all departments by providing a schedule to Finance Department (Pay Office) so that the necessary deductions can be made from the affected municipal employees' salaries;
- d) Telephone and/ or video conferencing facilities must be used, where possible, to avoid unnecessary travelling and subsistence costs;
- e) Newspapers and other related publications for the use of officials must be discontinued on expiry of existing contracts or supply orders, unless required for professional purposes and where unavailable in electronic format; and
- f) The City or its entities may participate in the transversal term contract arranged by the National Treasury for the acquisition of mobile communication services.

14. CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND STUDY TOURS

- a) Appropriate policies and procedures must be followed to manage applications to attend conferences or events hosted by professional bodies or non-governmental institutions held within and outside the borders of South Africa taking into account their merits and benefits, costs and available alternatives;
- b) When considering applications from officials or political office bearers to attend conferences or events within and outside the borders of South Africa, an accounting officer or mayor as the case may be, must take the following into account-
 - i. the official's or political office bearer's role and responsibilities and the anticipated benefits of the conference or event;
 - ii. whether the conference or event addresses relevant concerns of the institution;
 - iii. the appropriate number of officials or political office bearers, not exceeding three, attending the conference or event; and
 - iv. the availability of funds to meet expenses related to the conference or event.
- c) An accounting officer may consider appropriate benchmark costs with other professional bodies or regulatory bodies prior to granting approval for an official to attend a conference or event within and outside the borders of South Africa;
- d) The benchmark costs referred to in sub-section (c) may not exceed an amount as determined from time to time by the National Treasury through a notice;
- e) The amount referred to in sub -regulation (d) excludes costs related to travel, accommodation and related expenses, but includes-
 - i. conference or event registration expenses; and
 - ii. any other expense incurred in relation to the conference or event.
- f) When considering costs for conferences or events these may not include items such as laptops, tablets and other similar tokens that are built into the price of such conferences or events;
- g) The accounting officer of a municipality or municipal entity must ensure that meetings and planning sessions that entail the use of municipal funds are, as far as may be practically possible, held in-house;
- h) Municipal or provincial office facilities must be utilised for conference, meetings, strategic planning sessions, inter alia, where an appropriate venue exists within the municipal jurisdiction;

- i) An accounting officer must grant the approval for officials and in the case of political office bearers and the accounting officer, the mayor, as contemplated in sub-section (b); and
- j) A municipality or municipal entity must, where applicable, take advantage of early registration discounts by granting the required approvals to attend the conference, event or study tour, in advance.

15. TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS, UNEMPLOYED GRADUATES AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNERS

- a) When making temporary appointments, appointments of unemployed graduates and experiential learners, all relevant policies and procedures must be complied with;
- b) The employment contracts of the people mentioned in sub-section (a) must be consistent with the Human Resources policies of the City; and
- c) The appointments mentioned above must be budgeted for.

16. OVERTIME

- a) Overtime must be undertaken in compliance with the overtime policy of Council, SALGBC Collective Agreements and applicable legislation (e.g. Basic Conditions of Employment Act);
- b) Overtime should only be approved where the necessary budget provision exists, after a need analysis has been undertaken by the relevant Department;
- c) Planned overtime must be submitted to management for consideration of approval on a monthly basis;
- d) Approval to work overtime in excess of 40 hours per month must be obtained from the City Manager prior to the overtime being worked, as this is in contravention of Section 10 of the Basic Conditions of Employment Act (BCEA);
- e) The HoDs must ensure that overtime worked in excess of 40 hours was authorised City Manager prior to the actual overtime being worked; and
- f) Consideration should be given to changing the core working hours of the employees to a shift system, where applicable, to obviate the need for excessive or continuous overtime.

17. OTHER RELATED EXPENDITURE ITEMS

- a) A Fleet or Vehicles Policy must be developed or amended to be consistent with the Cost Containment Regulations, 2019;
- b) Bulk purchases should be considered for regularly consumed inventory such as printing paper and fuel;
- c) All commodities, services and products covered by a transversal contract concluded by the national treasury must be produced through that transversal contract before approaching the market, to benefit from savings where lower prices or rates have been negotiated; and
- d) Municipal resources may not be used to fund elections, campaign activities, including the provision of food, clothing and other inducements as part of, or during election periods.

18. CONSEQUENCES OF NON-ADHERENCE TO THE POLICY

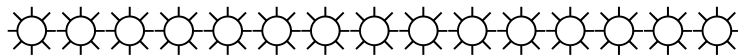
Failure to implement or comply with these policy may results in any official of the municipality, Political Office Bearer or Director of the Board of the Entity that authorised or incurred any expenditure contrary to these policy being held liable for financial misconduct as set out in Chapter 15 of the Act read with the Municipal Regulations on Financial Misconduct Procedures and Criminal Proceedings.

19. DISCLOSURE OF COST CONTAINMENT MEASURES

- a) The disclosure of cost containment measures applied by the City will be included in the quarterly MFMA section 52(d) reports and annual costs savings disclosed in the annual report.
- b) The measures implemented and aggregate amounts saved per quarter, together with the regular reports on reprioritisation of cost savings, on the implementation of the cost containment measures must be submitted to the municipal council for review and resolution. The municipality can refer such reports to an appropriate council committee for further recommendations and actions; and
- c) The reports in sub-section (b) above must be submitted to the Provincial Treasury and National Treasury as part of the quarterly reports.

20. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy will be effective as from 1 July 2020 or immediately after approval by Council.



EKURHULENI BUDGET

Annexure D24

POLICY FOR THE WHEELING OF ELECTRICITY

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POLICY FOR THE WHEELING OF ELECTRICITY

1. BACKGROUND AND APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

1.1 The policy aims to guide the process of wheeling electrical energy (units) in/through the City grid (supply mains/distribution and/or reticulation network).

1.2 The following definitions apply in addition to those defined in the City electricity by-laws:

“Banking” means energy that is not immediately used by the end user when a contracted generator produces it.

“City by-laws” means the Electricity by-laws of the City as promulgated from time to time.

“Customer” and **“end user”** means consumer as defined in the City by-laws

“Energy trader” means a legal entity licensed by and registered with National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) to engage in the buying and selling of electricity (electrical energy) as a commercial activity;

Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) to engage in the production of electricity (electrical energy) through a unit or power station and/or a seller of electrical energy generated on its own premises by any means.

“WEPS” means Eskom wholesale electricity pricing system;

“Wheeling” means the transportation of electricity (electrical energy) by a generator or energy trader to a consumer through a network not owned, controlled or leased by either party and deals with the financial flow of electrical energy.

2. QUALIFYING CRITERIA

2.1 Only customers on the City Tariff D and Tariff J, connected at ≥ 6.6 kV with a notified maximum demand (NMD) of ≥ 1 MVA that have entered into a wheeling transaction with a generator or energy trader will qualify for wheeling.

- 2.2 Where a consumer with an existing wheeling agreement commence with a network access charge (NAC) value \geq 1MVA, and thereafter consumes less than 1 MVA, the NAC value will continue to be levied at a minimum of 1 MVA and the consumer shall remain on Tariff D or Tariff J in order to continue to qualify for wheeling.
- 2.3 Any wheeling agreement is subject to the City and the consumer entering into a written wheeling agreement and/or a written amendment of any existing consumer/supply agreement for wheeling whereupon Tariff G will in addition to the aforesaid tariffs apply.
- 2.4 The aforementioned agreement together with the City by-laws, policies and tariffs, will record the terms and conditions by which the consumer account will be adjusted with the wheeled energy as per Tariff G.
- 2.5 No wheeling agreement as aforesaid will come into effect prior to the City entering into an amendment agreement with Eskom in respect thereof if the generator is located outside the City's licensed area of supply/distribution.
- 2.6 The generator and energy trader must conclude a wheeling (use-of-system) agreement with Eskom or if the generator is located within the City's licensed area of supply/distribution, a connection and use-of-system agreement must be entered into by the generator and energy trader with the City;
- 2.7 The consumer must provide the City with a copy of the agreement entered into between the generator / energy trader and Eskom, and a copy of the agreement entered into between the generator / energy trader and the consumer.
- 2.8 The generator must meet all the SA Grid Code requirements before injecting energy into the South African power system, including technical, legal and contractual requirements.
- 2.9 The City will wheel electricity through the City grid (supply mains/distribution and/or reticulation network) from the point of delivery to the consumer metering point. The City shall provide, install and maintain four quadrant metering equipment at the costs of the consumer to measure the electricity at each metering point.
- 2.10 No wheeling agreement will be entered into with a consumer or connection and use-of-system agreement with the generator and energy trader if the network capacity of the City's grid (supply mains/distribution and/or reticulation network) and/or Eskom grid will be exceeded as a result thereof.

3. METHODOLOGY

RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS FOR CITY CUSTOMERS RECEIVING ENERGY FROM NON-ESKOM GENERATORS:

- 3.1 The customer will receive their account as per the applicable approved City tariff.
- 3.2 Any credit due in respect of the wheeled electrical energy and in terms of the aforementioned agreements, shall be determined in accordance with the City's applicable tariff.
- 3.3 No credit for network capacity or demand will be allowed.
- 3.4 Any credit due to the consumer will only be effected after the City's account has been credited and no compensation of whatever nature will be allowed in respect of any delay.
- 3.5 No consumer's account will be credited in respect of wheeled energy in an amount exceeding the actual consumption by the consumer during the applicable consumption period.

4. GENERAL

- 4.1 The City does not guarantee a firm supply (inclusive of periods of load shedding) and cannot be held liable for any losses and/or damages whatsoever and howsoever incurred inclusive of but not limited to consequential damages, as a result of interruptions in the supply of electricity (electrical energy).
- 4.2 Where no wheeling has taken place, the City will be and/or will be deemed to be the supplier and the consumer will be billed in accordance with the City's applicable tariffs.
- 4.3 No banking of electrical energy and/or compensation in respect thereof will be allowed.
- 4.4 Specific circumstances, requiring a deviation from this policy may be considered by the Head of Department (HOD): Energy. Any deviation must be documented and approved in writing by the HOD: Energy, or the official delegated thereto by the City Manager.



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Annexure D25

GUIDELINE FOR SMALL – SCALE EMBEDDED GENERATION POLICY

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Foreword

It is important to ensure that you have the latest version of the various application forms and other relevant documents before proceeding with an SSEG application. These are available on the City of Ekurhuleni's website: [www. Ekurhuleni.gov.za/energy/](http://www.Ekurhuleni.gov.za/energy/) SSEG

Indemnity

Anyone (e.g. a municipality), using these Requirements for Small Scale Embedded Generation (SSEG), in part or in full, as a basis for their own SSEG programme does so on the basis that they indemnify and hold harmless the City of Ekurhuleni and its successors or assigns in respect of any claim, action, liability, loss, damage or lawsuit arising from their use of this document.

Approvals

This SSEG Policy shall be effective upon approval by Council and is intended to complement and be complemented by other policies of the CoE already developed and approved by the Council and those that will be developed in the future.

Information on this document

Purpose of the document	<p>The purpose of this document is to guide stakeholders regarding the policy requirements and application process of the City of Ekurhuleni in connecting all forms of small scale embedded generation to the municipal electricity network, as aligned to national government directives for SSEG.</p>
The need for this document	<p>The parallel connection of any generator to the municipal electrical grid, however powered, has numerous implications for the city, and requires to be regulated and managed. This document serves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure the safety of the municipal staff, the public and the users of the SSEG installations;• Uphold the power quality of the municipal electricity network;• Clarify metering and billing requirements and options;• Balance municipal revenue impact to enable continued operation of all municipal functions. <p>In addition, municipalities are faced with low carbon development imperatives and economic growth challenges. SSEG can play a role in these areas, and the document therefore also serves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote the development of the SSEG industry by creating a conducive environment for growth.

Scope	<p>This document covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The connection of all forms of SSEG to the municipal electrical grid; • Installations up to 1 MW. All SSEG applicants up to this limit are required to comply with the conditions and process described herein. Note the additional application requirements for installations above 350 kW, but below the 1 MW threshold; • Installations connected to low and medium voltage networks (≤ 33 kV); • Installations where consumers remain net consumers (purchase more electricity from the grid than they generate and feed back into the utility grid, on a monthly basis). <p>This document does not cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants who wish to install a system with generation capacity of greater than 1 MW (1000 kW). For such systems a meeting should be arranged with the City to establish the necessary requirements and application process. In addition, a generating licence or exemption letter from NERSA will be required before connection is considered. The Electricity Regulation Act (Act No. 4 of 2006) (ERA), states that no-one may operate any generation, transmission or distribution facility or trade, without a license issued by NERSA. The ERA Amended Schedule 2 Government Gazette, vol. 629 of 10 November 2017, clarifies that generators selling electricity from generation systems with an installed capacity of less than 1 MW are exempt from the requirement to hold a generation license, hence the 1 MW threshold applied by the CoE; • Wheeling regulations are excluded from this policy. • The connection of SSEG to the Eskom electrical grid i.e. consumers residing within the demarcation boundaries of CoE, but connected to Eskom's licence distribution grid, need to apply to Eskom for consent to connect SSEG to the electrical grid. • Systems connecting to HV networks (> 33 kV). It should further be noted that although the NRS 097-1 standards covering MV and HV connections are not complete, such systems may be approved by the municipality if ≤ 1 MW. These systems are likely to require grid impact studies and should be discussed separately with the municipality • Installations where consumers are net generators (generate more than they consume on average, on a monthly basis);
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Defining small scale embedded generation	<p>Small-scale embedded generation (SSEG) refers to power generation installations less than or equal to 1 MW which are located on residential, commercial or industrial sites where electricity is also consumed.</p> <p>Most of the electricity generated by an SSEG is consumed on-site, but times may arise when generation exceeds consumption and typically a limited amount of power is allowed to flow in reverse, from the consumer onto the utility grid. An SSEG consumer therefore generates electricity on the consumer's side of the municipal electricity meter, where the generation equipment is connected to, and synchronised with, the municipal electricity grid (i.e. 'embedded').</p>
Who this document is for	<p>This document will assist all relevant stakeholders involved in the commissioning, installation, management and ownership of an SSEG system, with generation capacity less than or equal to 1 MW (1000 kW), to the municipal electrical grid. It is intended to provide guidance in this regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSEG project developers; • Residential and commercial property owners; • SSEG installers; • Energy consultants commissioned to design SSEG systems; • Municipal officials involved in the oversight of SSEG generation; • Registered professional engineers, professional technologists or professional engineering technicians who are involved in SSEG commissioning.

Glossary & Definitions

Alternating current	The flow of electrical energy that follows a sine wave and changes direction at a fixed frequency (i.e. it 'alternates'). Most residential and commercial uses of electricity require alternating current.
Direct current	The flow of electrical energy in one constant direction. Direct current is typically converted to alternating current for practical purposes as most modern uses of electricity require alternating current.
Anti-Islanding	The ability of an SSEG installation to instantly and automatically disconnect the generator from the installation whenever there is a power outage in the utility municipal electrical grid, thus preventing the export of electricity to the municipal electrical grid from the SSEG. This is done primarily to protect municipal electrical grid workers who may be working on the grid and who may be unaware that the grid is still being energized by the SSEG.
Bi-directional meter	A meter that separately measures electricity flow in both directions (import and export)

Cogeneration	The sequential or simultaneous generation of multiple forms of useful energy (usually mechanical and thermal) in a single, integrated system.
Consumer	In the context of this document, consumers who also generate must be referred to as “consumers”, although in effect they are “consumer/generators”.
Generating capacity	The maximum amount of electricity, measured in kilovolt Amperes (kVA), which can flow out of the generation equipment into the consumer’s alternating current wiring system. This is therefore the maximum alternating current power flow which can be generated by the system in its current configuration.
Grid-tied	An SSEG that is connected to the municipal electrical grid either directly or through a consumer’s internal wiring is said to be “grid-tied”. The export of energy onto the municipal electrical grid is possible when generation exceeds consumption at any point in time.
Grid-tied hybrid SSEG	Grid-tied SSEG that islands after interruption of the utility supply, or when the applicable electrical service conditions are outside stated limits, or out of required tolerances and then supplies the load from the inverter, operating in the stored-energy mode, via a suitably interlocked change-over switch, is said to be a “grid-tied hybrid” SSEG installation.
Inverter	A power device that converts direct current to alternating current at a voltage and frequency which enables the generator to be connected to the municipal electrical grid.
Isolated	A section of a municipal electrical grid which is disconnected from all other possible sources of electrical potential is said to be isolated
Load profile	The profile or curve showing the variation of the consumer’s rate of electricity consumption (or demand) over time.
Low-voltage	Voltage levels up to and including 1 kV. (1kV= 1000 Volts) and DC voltage.
Medium-voltage	Voltage levels greater than 1 kV up to and including 33 kV.
Net consumer	A net consumer is someone who purchases (imports) more kWh of electricity than they export (sell), on a monthly basis.
Net generator	A situation where the site generates more electricity than is consumed on site on a monthly basis, and therefore exports more power onto the municipal network than it draws from the network.
Pr Eng or Pr Cert Eng or Pr Tech Eng or Pr Techni Eng	A professional engineer, professional Certificated Engineer, professional technologist or professional engineering technician, who is registered with the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA).
Reverse power flow	The flow of energy from the consumer electricity installation onto the municipal electrical grid (i.e. export)

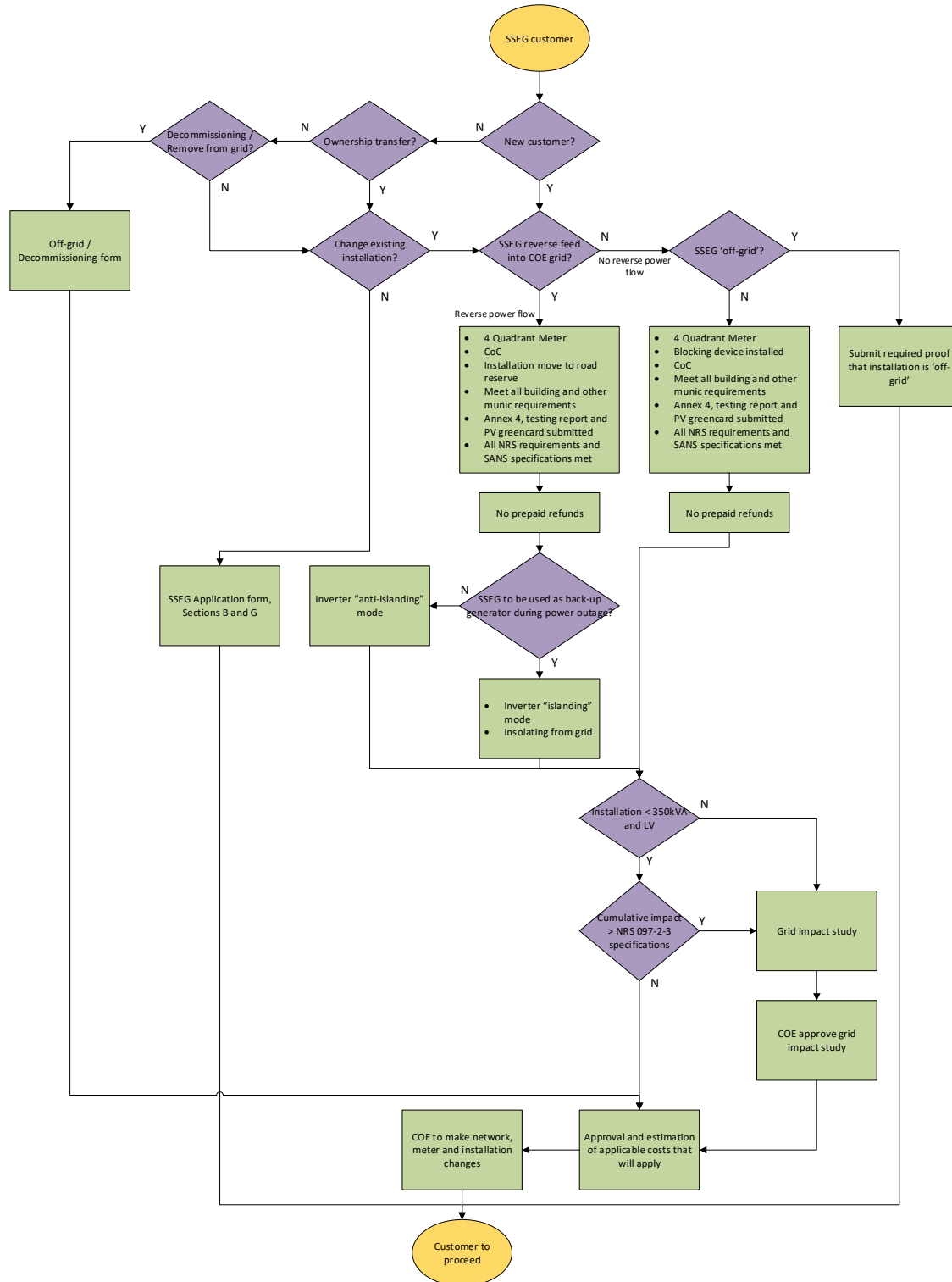
	as a result of the instantaneous generation exceeding the instantaneous consumption at the generation specific site.
Reverse power flow blocking	A device which prevents power flowing from an embedded generator back onto the municipal electrical grid.
Small scale embedded generator	A small-scale embedded generator for the purposes of these guidelines is an embedded generator with a generation capacity output (AC) of less than or equal to 1000 kW (1 MW).
Stand-alone generator/ off-grid generator	A generator that is not in any way connected to the municipal electrical grid. Export of energy onto the municipal electrical grid by the generator is therefore not possible.

Abbreviations

AC	Alternating current
AMI	Advanced Metering Infrastructure
DC	Direct current
ECSA	Engineering Council of South Africa
EIR	Electrical installation regulations, 2009,
kVA	kilo-Volt Ampere (unit of apparent electrical power, often similar in magnitude to kW)
kW	kilo-Watt (unit of electrical power)
kWp	kilo-Watt peak (the rated peak output of solar PV panels)
LV	Low Voltage
MV	Medium Voltage
MVA	Mega-Volt Amperes (1000 kVA)
MW	Mega-Watt (1000 kW)
NERSA	National Energy Regulator of South Africa
NMD	Notified Maximum Demand
PV	Photovoltaic
SSEG	Small Scale Embedded Generation/Generator
VAT	Value Added Tax

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- No Generation equipment connected to grid without consent of HOD Energy;
- All SSEG customers deemed to be grid tied;
- SSEG Participants to be net consumers.



Introduction

1 INTRODUCTION

Heightened environmental awareness, dramatic increases in the price of electricity, rapidly decreasing costs of photovoltaic (PV) panels, and the risk of national power blackouts have all resulted in municipalities around the country being inundated with requests to allow electricity consumers to connect PV and other SSEGs to the electricity grid. Such SSEGs would be connected to the wiring on the consumer's premises which is in turn connected to, and supplied by, the City's electricity network. Thus, these generators are considered to be 'embedded' in the municipality's electricity grid. One of the major advantages of such a grid connected system is obviating the need for backup batteries, which stand-alone renewable energy generators usually require.

The parallel connection of any generator to the electrical grid, however powered, has numerous implications for the local electricity utility. The most pressing is the safety of the utility staff, the public and the user of the generator. Further implications include the impact of the physical presence of the generation on neighbours (e.g. visual, noise), the impact on the quality of the local electrical supply, and metering and billing issues. There is therefore a strong need for such practice to be regulated, standards prescribed and approval procedures developed, for the general benefit and protection of citizens and manageability of the distribution network.

The above needs to be balanced with municipal obligations to embrace low-carbon energy and green economic growth opportunities, so a user-friendly framework for installation application and approval is important to promote the growth of this sector. Such a framework will also minimise systems being installed without going through official channels, thereby potentially not meeting required safety and quality standards.

Municipalities play a vital role in facilitating the necessary regulatory environment to enable the establishment and growth of the SSEG field. This document outlines the CoE's requirements for prospective SSEGs and sets out the associated application processes.

Although the electricity distribution industry is highly regulated, SSEGs have not yet been adequately covered in national policy, legislation and regulation. In this void, the City has developed policies and practices which it believes are consistent with broader national policy. The City is of the view that it is not allowed to purchase electricity at a greater cost than it would have paid Eskom for the generated electricity.

When the necessary regulatory requirements for SSEG are gazetted, all customers would need to adhere to these stipulations regarding SSEG notwithstanding any provision that may be made in this policy.

Consequently, the City's Electricity Supply By-law requires that anyone wanting to connect a generator to the City's electricity grid must obtain written consent from the HOD: Energy

Consumers wishing to install an SSEG and feed power back onto the utility grid will be required to move onto the SSEG tariff, which includes a daily service charge, in order to cover the operating costs of the utility network.

SSEG tariff is still under development and shall be applicable once it's approved.

Indemnity, Legal Requirements & Curtailment

2 INDEMNITY, LEGAL REQUIREMENTS & CURTAILMENT

2.1 LEGAL CONNECTION OF SSEG TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL GRID

The CoE Electricity Supply By-Law states that no generation equipment may be connected to the municipal electrical grid without the express consent of the HOD: Energy. Failure to obtain this consent constitutes an offence which could lead to a fine and/or imprisonment.

Furthermore, the installation may also be in contravention of the ERA and/or the Occupational Health and Safety Act, for which punitive sanctions also apply.

Consumers found to have illegally connected SSEG to the municipal electrical grid (either before or after their electricity meter) will be instructed to make it legal through following the application process and complying with the safety and metering requirements. In the event of failure to comply, the installation must be disconnected from the municipal electrical grid. A Certificate of Compliance issued by a registered electrical contractor is required as proof of such disconnection. Should the consumer fail to have the SSEG disconnected from the municipal electrical grid, the Municipal Electricity Services Department will disconnect the electricity supply to the property, as prescribed in the CoE Electricity Supply by- Law and EIR.

In cases where unauthorised reverse feed-in takes place which results in the meter reversing to the benefit of the consumer, the city will institute action in accordance with By Laws and policies, to recover lost revenue, and relevant punitive fines will be applicable.

No exemption from any of the Municipality's requirements and processes will be granted for retrospective applications.

2.2 GENERATION CURTAILMENT

In the event of operating conditions resulting in municipal electrical grid parameters not meeting statutory minimum quality-of-supply standards, it may become necessary to impose peak generation limits on embedded generator installations. It is expected that these limitations would be of a temporary nature, applied only during abnormal system conditions.

2.3 RIGHT TO ADAPT RULES & REGULATIONS

In the event of provincial or national changes to the regulatory environment, it may become necessary to implement changes to the municipal requirements with which SSEGs are to comply. All SSEGs, new and existing, will be obliged to comply with these changes, and will do so at their own cost.

2.4 RIGHT TO DENY ACCESS

It is essential that all consumers wishing to install an SSEG system, regardless of generation capacity, complete the relevant sections of the application process in full, and comply with the specified regulations and standards; and that written approval to commence is received from the City before system installation commences. The City needs to ensure that, amongst other considerations, the SSEG installation can be accommodated on the electrical network and that the total allowable SSEG capacity of

the municipal electrical grid has not been exceeded, considering parameters in the NRS097-2-3 and other applicable SANS standards. Equipment should not be purchased prior to obtaining written approval from the CoE to commence, as approval is not guaranteed, and the City will not be held liable for any equipment expenses incurred where approval is denied.

In the event of a consumer being dissatisfied with the CoE denying access, and having exhausted all internal dispute resolution mechanisms, the consumer may lodge an appeal with NERSA, in terms of the Electricity Regulation Act, which stipulates NERSA's role in the investigation and resolution of disputes and complaints.

General Guidelines

Small scale embedded Generators

3 GENERAL GUIDELINES - SMALL SCALE EMBEDDED GENERATORS

This section covers important considerations in terms of the CoE's SSEG rules and regulations that apply to all consumers, including residential, commercial and industrial consumers who wish to connect a SSEG system, with generation capacity no greater than 1 MW (1000 kW) peak, to the municipal electrical grid.

Anyone wanting to connect systems over 1 MW will not be able to connect under the conditions reflected in this document, and should approach the CoE directly to discuss the way forward. It is likely that grid impact studies will be necessary in these circumstances, amongst other work. In addition, a generating licence or exemption letter from NERSA is required before the application for the connection of systems over 1 MW will be considered.

The ERA Amended Schedule 2 Government Gazette, vol. 629 of 10 November 2017 and Government Notice 563 of 08 June 2018, specify generator licensing requirements and are subject to change in a fluid policy environment. The CoE guidelines are subject to compliance with all current legislation, regulation and national policy, and applicants are required to ensure their compliance.

3.1 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL SIGN OFF

The following is required in terms of professional sign off for all SSEG installations: Annexure 4 as per Electrical Installation Regulations of the OHSA act 85 of 1993 must be completed, with the application form, by a Department of Labour (DoL) Registered Electrical contractor.

A copy of the Certificate of Compliance (CoC) {for Low Voltage installations} and or a Safety Report {for Medium Voltage Installations} and supporting test reports must be provided to the municipality upon commissioning and testing of the installation. A copy of the PV Greencard, where available, can also be submitted supplementary to the CoC/Safety and Test reports.

Until SANS 10142-Part 1-2 covering SSEG installation requirements and DC wiring are published, all SSEG designs and projects above 18kVA must be signed off on commissioning by a registered professional engineer (Pr. Eng) or professional certificated engineer (Pr Cert Eng) or professional technologist (Pr. Tech.Eng) or professional Engineering Technician (Pr Techni Eng)

3.2 TESTING OF INVERTERS

Until such time as a SABS mark is issued for inverters, the Municipality will require proof in the form of test certificates, of type tests having been successfully carried out by a third-party testing authority certifying compliance of the inverters with NRS097-2-1 (and NRS097-2-2 when published). The use of inverters without such certification is not permitted, both in new and existing installations.

The certification body must be SANAS accredited or be recognised by the International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation (ILAC) or the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) in terms of ISO/IEC 17025:2005 for photovoltaic systems. For any other embedded generation source an applicable certificate from a recognised body will be required and

will be approved by the municipality. The accreditation bodies must provide accreditation documentation for the specific test location.

The SSEG applicant should require the inverter suppliers to provide the necessary certification before the equipment is purchased.

3.3 SSEG PARTICIPANTS MUST BE NET CONSUMERS

SSEGs can either be “net consumers” or “net generators”. “Net consumers” purchase more electricity from the utility than they feed back onto the utility grid on a monthly basis. “Net generators” purchase less electricity from the utility than they feed back onto the utility grid on a monthly basis.

3.4 GENERATING LICENCE

The applicant has the responsibility to comply with all legal and regulatory requirements, as related to SSEG. Current legislation stipulates that generators of 1 MW or smaller do not require a license from NERSA. Should the existing threshold change all existing and new SSEGs will need to comply with the new requirements, at their own cost.

If a NERSA generation licence is required, then it is the consumer's responsibility to interact with NERSA to obtain such. The CoE is required to report to NERSA on a regular basis regarding all municipal electrical grid connected generation and is compelled to disconnect generators that do not adhere to regulations.

3.5 ESKOM GRID CONNECTION

Consumers residing within the municipal boundaries, but connected to the Eskom distribution grid, need to apply to Eskom for consent to connect SSEG to the Eskom electrical grid. The CoE will not be involved in this process as these consumers are legally supplied by Eskom.

3.6 DECOMMISSIONING OF AN SSEG SYSTEM

The City requires notice of any SSEG system which has been decommissioned, irrespective of the reason for decommissioning. An SSEG system which has been decommissioned must be disconnected from the grid at the consumer's cost by the removal of wiring which connects the inverter/s with the grid; and the submission of a decommissioning report on the prescribed form.

3.7 TRANSFER OF POWER TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION

The power produced by the SSEG must be utilised on the property on which the generator is located, or fed into the utility network for purchase by the City. The following are not permissible:

- Installation on a different property to where the power is used (e.g. installing solar PV panels on a neighbour's house roof);
- Supplying power from an SSEG on the premises of the applicant to another premises (e.g. selling power to adjacent properties or to another premises elsewhere in the city).

3.8 TRANSFER/CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP/CONSOLIDATIONS/SUB DIVISIONS/SEMI HOUSES

If a transfer of the property and/or change of ownership of the electricity account holder takes place (or in the case of consolidation, sub division or semi houses), a new SSEG

application form should be lodged in terms of the municipal SSEG process, or alternatively the SSEG system must be decommissioned.

A new CoC is required if the current one is more than two years old, or if any changes have been made to the electrical installation within the two-year period.

For a change of ownership, a new test report of the SSEG installation by a registered person (a professional engineer, professional technologist or) will be required.

3.9 ISLANDING / ANTI-ISLANDING INSTALLATIONS

Grid-tied inverters are required to have an anti-islanding function (immediate disconnection when there is a general power outage), as stipulated in the NRS 097-2-1. Certification to this effect is required (see Testing of Inverters). Should the inverter or SSEG installation have the facility to both comply with these anti-islanding requirements AND operate in “islanded mode” where the SSEG installation supplies power to a portion of the consumer’s electrical grid during a general power outage, it shall be effectively isolated from the municipal electrical grid during operation, (as is legally required of any standby generator).

If the SSEG installation is to be configured as a standby supply after islanding from the municipal electrical grid, (and it shall be isolated from the grid during such operation), a registered person in terms of the Electrical Installation Regulations (2009) shall issue a Certificate of Compliance to the owner if the generator is to be connected to the existing internal wiring of the property. Requirements of SANS 10142-1 (Section on ‘Alternative supplies including low voltage generating sets, installations, etc’) apply. This connection would further require a break-before-make switch with an appropriate change-over switch interlock.

3.10 FIRE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SHUT-OFF SWITCH

Emergency disconnection switching must be in accordance with NRS 097-2-1.

The approval of the fireman’s switch is subject to relevant SABS standards, in addition to what is specified in NRS097, and is subject to the City’s DEMS requirements.

3.11 OFF-GRID SYSTEM

Stand-alone generators (not connected to the municipal electrical grid in anyway), do not need permission from the energy department. However, consumers with SSEG installations that they deem to be off-grid, will be required to submit the following to substantiate that the SSEG installation is off-grid, as defined, and that the Electricity Supply By-law therefore does not apply to it:

1. A completed “Declaration for Off-grid Embedded Generation form” with details of the consumer and the installation, declaring that the SSEG installation is deemed to be off-grid and thus does not have to be approved;
2. A certificate of compliance (CoC) and test report for electrical installations certifying that the SSEG installation is physically separated from the City’s grid and the part of the installation on the property that is being supplied from the City’s network. If a suitably interlocked change-over switch is required for a passive standby UPS utilised as off-grid hybrid SSEG, the certificate of compliance and the test report must certify that the change-over switch complies with the requirements.
3. A schematic diagram showing details of the SSEG installation in relation to the rest of the installation and the City’s grid.

4. A certificate by a registered person (a professional engineer, professional technologist) certifying that the installation is off- grid.

In addition, approvals from other City departments such as the Planning and Building Development Management Department may still be necessary, depending on the type of generator proposed and its characteristics. It is the responsibility of the prospective off-grid generator owner to obtain the necessary approvals from these departments direct.

Note that an SSEG installation connected to the City's electricity grid through a reverse power flow blocking relay is not considered to be operating as an off-grid device. It is grid-connected and must comply with all the requirements detailed in these requirements.

Customers wishing to go complete off grid, shall be charged all necessary connection fee should they opt to re-connect to the grid.

3.12 APPLICABLE TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Most of the technical requirements that SSEGs are required to comply with are covered in the following standards (note that these do not necessarily cover all requirements for SSEG systems - see Appendix 1 for the complete list):

- NRS 097-2: Grid interconnection of embedded generation: Part 2 Small Scale Embedded Generators (Sections 1 to 4)
- South African Renewable Power Plant Grid Code (although the NRS 097-2 series cover most issues relevant to SSEG)

The above standards cover aspects such as voltage range; flicker; DC injection; frequency operating range; harmonics and waveform distortion; power factor; synchronization; safe disconnection from the network; overvoltage and undervoltage; sudden voltage dips and peaks; voltage change; over frequency and under frequency; anti-islanding; DC current injection; network faults; response to utility recovery; isolation; earthing; short-circuit protection; labelling.

The design and installation of all SSEG equipment will need to comply with these requirements¹.

In addition, SSEG installations are to comply with the following standards, legislation and regulations:

- South African Distribution Code
- NRS 048: Electricity Supply – Quality of Supply
- NRS 049: Smart metering
- SANS 10142- Parts 1 and 2: The wiring of premises (as amended and published)
- SANS 474 / NRS 057: Code of Practice for Electricity Metering
- Electrical Installation regulations (EIR), 2009
- Electrical Regulations Act 4 of 2006 (ERA)
- City of Ekurhuleni Electricity Supply by-law.
- City of Ekurhuleni AMR metering standard.

¹ The CoE will not check whether all these requirements are met, but will require the necessary certificates to demonstrate proof of compliance. Neither will the City provide advice- prospective SSEG's need to consult with their suppliers.



Metering

4 METERING

4.1 MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL GRID CONNECTION

4.1.1 REVERSE POWER FLOW/ FEED-IN TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL GRID

The CoE allows for reverse flow, although no compensation is provided at this stage. The CoE is in the process of developing an SSEG tariff, which will compensate SSEG consumers for feed-in once implemented. Consumers installing SSEG, who wish to participate in reverse power flow (and the SSEG tariff when implemented), shall have a 4-quadrant bi-directional Automated Meter Reading (AMR) meter installed. The CoE will provide and install the requisite meters at the consumer's cost. Manual read conventional credit or prepayment meters are not allowed to run backwards, due to technical deficiencies and manual reading requirement.

All consumers changing to quadrant 4-quadrant bi-directional AMR meter must adapt their electrical installations in such a way that metering is accommodated in a meter kiosk in the road reserve. This does not apply where an acceptable meter box or meter room already exists on the street-front property boundary. If no kiosk exists or there is no room for the meter in an existing kiosk, a meter kiosk must be installed in the road reserve at the applicant's cost. Only in cases where there are extremely narrow or no footways, thereby precluding the installation of a meter kiosk, consumers will be required to provide metering accommodation on the street-front property boundary. Such a meter box must face outwards and be locked with a standard CoE Energy Department lock.

4.1.2 REVERSE POWER FLOW RESTRICTED.

Consumers wanting to connect SSEG to the grid without feeding back into the grid need to install reverse power flow blocking protection to prevent reverse power flow onto the electricity grid. Consumers installing SSEG, who do not wish to participate in reverse power flow, are still required to install a 4-quadrant bi-directional Automated Meter Reading (AMR) meter. The CoE will provide and install the requisite meters at the consumer's cost.

4.2 REFUNDS OF ELECTRICITY ALREADY PRE-PURCHASED

Where applicants currently have prepayment meters, and want to feed into the municipal system, these meters will need to be replaced with 4 quadrant bi-directional AMR meters appropriate for SSEG systems and tariffs. The refund of Pre-paid meter units when a consumer changes to the SSEG tariff and has a 4-quadrant bi-directional AMR meter installed will be undertaken as follows:

- Pre-paid meter vending unit tokens already loaded on the Pre-paid meter: The consumer may delay the installation of an SSEG-appropriate meter
- Alternatively, the consumer may elect to forfeit the units on the Pre-paid meter, as defined in the By Laws.

SSEG Connection Criteria

5 SSEG CONNECTION CRITERIA

Simplified SSEG connection criteria are specified in the NRS 097-2-3, and applications for systems that fall within these parameters are likely to be easily processed by the municipality, and only in rare cases will require grid impact studies in their assessment. Such parameters include:

- Systems not larger than 350 kW
- Connecting to a LV network

Applications for systems which exceed the parameters of the NRS097-2-3 but do not exceed 1 MW will also be accepted by the municipality, but may require specialist grid-impact studies in their assessment. The municipality will advise the consumer of such needs after the application form is received.

The criteria for simplified connection in shared and dedicated LV feeders are described below (for details see the relevant sections of the NRS097-2-3):

5.1 SHARED LV FEEDERS

The NRS 097-2-3 specifies that the maximum individual generation limit in a shared LV feeder (which applies to most small commercial and residential situations) must not exceed 25% of the consumer's NMD, and be up to a maximum of 20 kW. The following SSEG size limitations are derived from NRS 097-2-3 for Shared LV connections.

Table 1: SSEG size limitations - NRS 097-2-3 for Shared LV connections

Service connection		
No. of Phases	Service Circuit Breaker Size (A)	Maximum Total Generation Capacity of SSEG (kW)
1	40	2.3 (10A)
1	60	3.5 (15A)
1	80	4.6 (20A)
3	40	6.9 (30A)
3	60	10.4 (45A)
3	80	13.9 (60A)
3	100	17.3 (75A)

Notes to table:

- To determine if you have a single-phase or three-phase connection, check the main circuit-breaker on the distribution board. A single-phase supply will generally have a single main circuit-breaker, and a three-phase a triple main circuit-breaker. If in doubt consult an electrician.
- 'Maximum total generation capacity' refers to the total output capacity of the generator. For PV systems, this refers to the maximum output of the inverter. Due to system losses this is typically 10 to 20% lower than the maximum output of the PV panels, which is specified in DC kilo-Watt-peak (kWp). The system designer/installer will provide guidance here.
- kVA and kW ratings for SSEGs are similar in most cases and can be used interchangeably for estimation purposes
- If SSEG generation capacity is 4.6 kW or less, a single-phase inverter can be installed even if the consumer has a three-phase connection. However, it is the

responsibility of the consumer to ensure that their load is balanced across all three phases. A registered electrician, engineer or technologist should be consulted to ensure compliance.

5.2 CUMULATIVE SSEG CAPACITY AND IMPACT ON LV AND MV NETWORKS

Should the cumulative installed capacity of SSEG systems be such that it may impact negatively on local LV or MV network functioning, as per the stipulations of NRS097-2-3, the CoE will not allow further SSEG connections until they can be undertaken without such negative impact. Specialist grid impact studies may be requested of the new SSEG applicant to demonstrate this, even if the system size falls within the NRS097-2-3 parameters.

5.3 SECTIONAL TITLE GROUP DEVELOPMENTS AND BLOCKS OF FLATS

SSEG installations in sectional title group developments or blocks of flats need to meet unique requirements. In the event of Sectional Title Developments wanting to install SSEG, the application should be made in the name of the body corporate - no individual applications will be allowed.

Proposals must be discussed with the HOD: Energy before applications are submitted. The basic approach will be the same as for full title consumers but the isolating point in the event of an outage, or for own generation, will be at the point of municipal connection with the sectional title group development or block of flats. The applicable tariffs for such developments will be published annually.

SSEG Tariffs

6 SSEG TARIFFS

SSEG tariffs are in the process of being developed, and will be implemented in future. The following guidelines are in line with best practice, and form the basis for the SSEG tariff development. Once the tariffs have been finalised and implemented, this policy below will be updated, if required.

All grid connected consumers on the SSEG tariff will need to pay a network access charge. The network access charge tariff will be published annually for all SSEG consumer classes. For consumers feeding into the network, an export tariff is under consideration, and when implemented, will be published.

6.1 RESIDENTIAL SSEG TARIFF

The Residential SSEG tariff comprises of:

- Network access charge – a fixed daily charge to ensure that fixed costs associated with maintaining and operating the municipal electrical grid, and providing a retail service, are recovered through appropriate charges.
- Energy charge (c/kWh) - electricity consumption charges for kWh consumed and purchased from the municipal grid.
- Export (Feed-in) rate (c/kWh) - a fixed rate per kWh at which the Municipality will purchase residential generation exported to the grid, when implemented.

6.1.1 BILLING PERIOD

A net billing methodology will be applied. The daily service charge, along with charges for consumption and credits for generated electricity fed onto the utility network, will be billed monthly (as is done for other Municipal services e.g. water and rates). Tariffs are determined annually by the CoE and are subject to approval by NERSA. SSEG applicants should check the Municipality's website www.ekurhuleni.gov.za for the latest tariffs.

6.1.2 INCREASED COSTS

The CoE bears no responsibility should the consumer's electricity bill increase due to a consumer moving to an SSEG tariff. It is up to the consumer to ensure that they understand the financial implications of having an SSEG system installed and the applicable tariffs.

Residential consumers should note that it is possible that they could be migrated to another residential tariff class to accommodate the implementation of the SSEG tariff structure. Consumers should thus discuss the possible impact of tariff changes with the City during the application process.

6.2 COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SSEG TARIFF

Commercial and industrial consumers that are on tariffs which already have a fixed service charge and network demand (capacity) charge will remain on this tariff. An export (feed-in) generation tariff component will be added, to compensate consumers for energy exported onto the municipal electrical grid, at a fixed rate per kWh. Consumers on a tariff that does not include fixed network access charge and demand charge will be moved to an appropriate tariff.

Commercial and industrial consumers should note that the demand charge component of the tariff is unlikely to change after the installation of the SSEG because the monthly maximum demand is unlikely to reduce, based on the manner in which it is calculated.

Tariffs are determined annually by the CoE and are subject to approval by NERSA. SSEG applicants should check the Municipality's website www.ekurhuleni.gov.za for the latest tariffs.

Commercial & Contracting

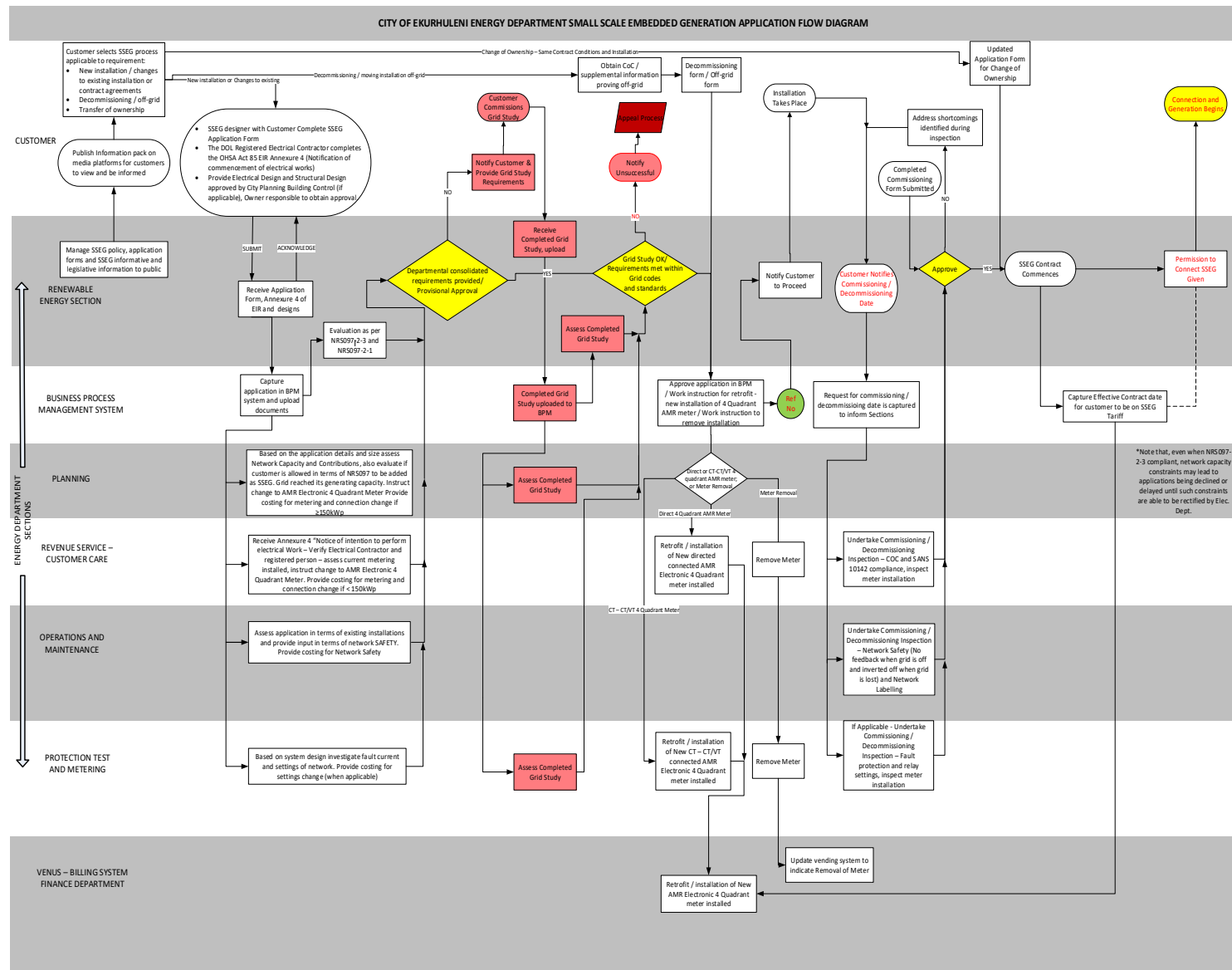
7 COMMERCIAL AND CONTRACTING

- The consumer is responsible for all the costs involved in the supply and installation of meters. Budgetary cost for any of the applicable metering changes for SSEG will form part of the connection cost of the city as annually recalculated, approved and published by the City.
- The consumer will be responsible for any rearrangement of the installation or meter accommodation including the moving of the metering point to the property boundary. The cost of providing a meter kiosk in the road reserve will be borne by the customer, unless this may form part of the metering upgrading program of the city. In the event that the kiosk cannot be accommodated due to the pavement being too narrow, in which case the consumer will be required to provide a metering kiosk to the City's specifications inside the property on the road boundary. If applicable, the customer will also be required to provide a servitude, or way leave, to accommodate the infrastructure as necessary;
- The consumer will be responsible for the cost of any specialist grid studies (if required);
- The consumer will be responsible for any changes required to the utility network upstream of the connection point as a result of the SSEG installation (although the need for such changes is unlikely);
- The consumer will be responsible for all the costs associated with specialist tests that need to be carried out as set out in Section 8 Step 6 of this document, e.g. Inverter testing, PV Greencard, CoC issued by a registered person (Electrical); as well as for obtaining the required certification of the design and installation.
- Any other costs associated with obtaining approval for the SSEG connection to the municipal grid.

Residential, Commercial & Industrial SSEG

8 RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SSEG APPLICATION PROCESS

An overview of the SSEG application process is shown below. The application forms for SSEG is presented in Annexure 5: Application for the Connection Small Scale Embedded Generation.



The Application for the Connection of Small Scale Embedded Generation form must be completed for all embedded generation. Should metering changes be required for the SSEG installation, the general application form for new or modified connections must also be completed. The forms are available on the Municipality's website.

Step 1: Visit the Municipality website

Visit the Municipality's website (www.ekurhuleni.gov.za) and download the relevant application form/s as noted above.

Alternative – visit your Consumer Care Centre, Energy Department, Consumer Care Section.

Step 2: Complete application for the connection of small scale embedded generation form and, if required, the general application form for new or modified connections

The Municipality requires that the application form/s be signed by the current electricity account holder.

Details of the proposed Registered person must also be provided in the form of Annexure 4 of EIR (part of application form)

The applicant may need support from the proposed installer or a registered professional in completing the application form.

The completion and full approval of the application form, and the signoff after commissioning, will constitute the formal SSEG agreement between the customer and COE.

Step 3: Obtain permission from other Municipal departments

The Energy Department requires prior approval of the proposed SSEG installation from City Planning Department, Fire Department and Building Control Management divisions.

Step 4: Submit completed application form/s and attachments

Form/s must be submitted to the relevant contacts at the Energy Department.

Attachments to the application include an initial design circuit diagram (for >100 kW systems) and the inverter certification of compliance with NRS 097-2-1.

Step 5: Installation commencement upon approval from the municipality

After due consideration of the application, the applicant will be informed in writing whether the application has been successful or not.

If further information or grid studies are required by the municipality, the applicant will be notified thereof.

Once notified of a successful application, the applicant may commence installation (it is advised that the applicant does not pay for any equipment until municipal approval to install is granted in writing, as such approval is not guaranteed).

Step 6: Commissioning and documentation to be submitted to the Energy Department.

Commissioning of the system must be undertaken by a registered professional, who must complete and sign off the *SSEG Installation Commissioning Report*.

In addition to the Commissioning Report, the following documentation must also be completed:

- Final as-built circuit diagram
- Inverter type test certificate according to NRS 097-2-1.
- A copy of an electrical installation Certificate of Compliance as per SANS 10142-1 (and SANS 10142-1-2 when published), together with a copy of PV Greencard Report.

All completed documentation must be submitted to the Energy Department – Alternative and Renewable Division’s office.

Step 7: Inspection of installation

The Municipality has the right to inspect all residential, commercial and industrial installations, at their sole discretion, for compliance and grid safety.

Step 8: Approval granted to connect to the municipal electrical grid and generation commences

If all of the above is satisfactory, and a change of metering is required, a metering quotation will be issued (which will include all associated costs). Upon acceptance of the quotation and payment of all costs, the Municipality will install the necessary meter.

Approval to connect SSEG to the municipal electrical grid must be provided by the Energy Department to the consumer, in writing, together with any operation and other requirements deemed necessary.

The Energy Department must conduct a safety loss of power test to ensure that no power feedback exist.

Once completed, the consumer will be placed on the appropriate tariff, which will be applied from the date the AMR meter was commissioned, or, if no change was required, from the date of issue of the Commissioning Approval Letter.

Step 9: Repeat the process in the case of SSEG capacity expansion

Should an expansion or a change to the system be required, a new application must be completed.

APPENDIX 1: RELEVANT STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

Relevant Standards and Regulations

The CoE requires that SSEG installations comply with the necessary standards and regulations in order for the system to be approved and put into commission. This section provides an overview of these legislative requirements. The design and installation of all SSEG equipment will need to comply with these requirements. The Professional Engineer / Technologist will highlight aspects most applicable to the SSEG system in question to ensure that these conditions are met.

List of Standards and Regulations

There are a number of standards and regulations that the project developer and SSEG user/lesser have to be aware of. The most relevant standards and regulations that must be complied with are:

- Electricity Regulation Act, Act 4 of 2006 and Electricity Regulation Amendment Act, 28 of 2007 as amended
- South African Distribution Code (all parts)
- South African Renewable Power Plants Grid Code
- Occupational Health and Safety Act 1993 as amended
- SANS 10142- Parts 1 and 2: The Wiring of Premises
- SANS 474/ NRS 057 Code of Practice for Electricity Metering
- NRS 048: Electricity Supply– Quality of Supply
- NRS 097-1: Code of Practice for the interconnection of embedded generation to electricity distribution networks: Part 1 MV and HV (Eskom 240-61268576 / DST 34-1765: Standard for the interconnection of embedded generation, is applicable until published)
- NRS 097-2: Grid interconnection of embedded generation: Part 2 Small scale embedded generation

Guidance on their applicability and coverage is given below:

Standards of Importance

Of the compliance standards and regulations stated above, two of these standards are the most important for embedded generation, namely:

1. NRS 097-2: Grid interconnection of embedded generation: Part 2 Small-scale embedded generation
2. South African Renewable Power Plants Grid Code

NRS 097-2-1 (Part 2: Small-scale Embedded Generation, Section 1)

NRS 097-2-3 (Part 2: Small-scale Embedded Generation, Section 3)

This document provides simplified utility connection criteria for low-voltage connected generators.

South African Renewable Power Plants Grid Code (SARPPGC)

This document sets out the technical and design grid connection requirements for renewable power plants (RPP) to connect to the transmission or distribution network in South Africa. This guideline is of concern to embedded generators of Category A that are connected to a low-voltage (LV) network.

i) Category A: 0 – 1MVA (Only LV connected RPPs)

This category includes RPPs with rated power of less than 1 MVA and connected to the LV voltage (typically called 'small or micro turbines'). This category shall further be divided into 3 sub-categories:

i.1) Category A1: 0 – 13,8kVA

This sub-category includes RPPs of Category A with rated power in the range of 0 to 13,8 kVA.

i.2) Category A2: 13,8kVA – 100kVA

This sub-category includes RPPs of Category A with rated power in the range greater than 13,8 kVA but less than 100kVA.

i.3) Category A3: 100kVA – 1MVA

This sub-category includes RPPs of Category A with rated power in the range 100 kVA but less than 1 MVA. This category also includes RPPs of Category A1 and A2 with a rated power less than 100 kVA that are directly connected to a MV-LV transformer.

Note: RPPs with a rated power greater than 4,6kVA must be balanced three-phase.

Other Standards and Legislation

Electricity Regulation Act, Act 4 of 2006 (ERA)

All applicants should familiarize themselves with the ERA. The act states that no person may, without a licence issued by the regulator (NERSA), operate any generation facility. The ERA holds that exemption is held for non-grid-tied projects. Note that NERSA has issued a communication giving licence exemption to SSEG installations in municipal areas under 100kW.

South African Distribution Code

The South African Distribution Code applies to all entities connected to the distribution network, including SSEGs. It sets the basic rules for connecting to the distribution network, ensures non-discrimination to all users connected to the distribution network and specifies the technical requirements to ensure the safety and reliability of the distribution network. A more detailed guideline pertaining to the connection of SSEGs to the utility network and the specific requirements involved is found in the NRS 097-2-1.

Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993

The Occupational Health and Safety Act provides for the health and safety of the people by ensuring that all undertakings are conducted in such a manner so that those who are, or who may be, directly affected by such an activity are not negatively harmed as far as possible and are not exposed to dangers to their health and safety.

City of Ekurhuleni Electricity Supply By-Law

This document provides the general conditions of supply of electricity, outlines the responsibility of the consumers, systems of supply, measurement of electricity and the electrical contractors' responsibilities.

SANS 10142-1 The Wiring of Premises - Low-voltage installations

This document serves as the South African national standard for the wiring of premises in low-voltage networks. The aim of the document is to ensure that people, animals and property are protected from dangers that arise during normal as well as fault conditions,

due to the operation of an electrical installation. Compliance to the standards and regulations as laid out SANS 10142-1 is required and proof should be provided via an electrical installation certificate of compliance. The implication is that a qualified electrician is required to sign off on your system.

SANS 10142-2 The Wiring of Premises - Medium-Voltage installations above 1 kV A.C. not exceeding 22 kV A.C. and up to and including 3 000kW installed capacity

This document serves as the South African national standard for the wiring of premises in medium-voltage networks. The aim of the document is to ensure that people, animals and property are protected from dangers that arise during normal as well as fault conditions, due to the operation of an electrical installation. Compliance to the standards and regulations as laid out SANS 10142-2 is required and proof should be provided via an electrical installation certificate of compliance. The implication is that a qualified electrician is required to sign off on your system.

SANS 474 / NRS 057 Code of Practice for Electricity Metering

SANS 474 specifies the metering procedures, standards and other such requirements that must be adhered to by electricity licensees and their agents. It refers specifically to new and existing metering installations for the purpose of billing. It further specifies the initial calibration and certification requirements as well as compliance testing of metering installations and the subsequent procedures to ensure continued compliance. It specifies the procedures for the manipulation and storage of metering data and sets a standard format for the numbering of electricity meters.

For more specific details with regard to the metering for SSEG purposes, NRS 097-2-1 should be consulted and the requirements as defined by the City must be adhered to.

NRS 048

The NRS 048 series covers the quality of supply parameters, specifications and practices that must be undertaken to ensure correct and safe operation. The NRS 048-2 and NRS 048-4 have the most relevance to the operation and connection of SSEG's to the utility network:

NRS 048-2: 'Voltage characteristics, compatibility levels, limits and assessment methods' sets the standards and compatibility levels for the quality of supply for utility connections as well as for stand-alone systems. It is intended that generation licensees ensure compliance with the compatibility levels set in this document under normal operating conditions.

NRS 048-4: 'Application Requirements for utilities' sets the technical standards and Requirements for the connection of new consumers. It also sets the technical procedures for the evaluation of existing consumers with regards to harmonics, voltage unbalance and voltage flicker.

APPENDIX 2: INVERTER TYPE TESTING REQUIREMENTS

The CoE is in process of developing a list of approved inverters that comply the city's requirements, and will be published in due course. The CoE's requirements for grid tied inverter (GTIs) and ancillary equipment type test certification are as follows:

1. A 3rd party accredited body must perform the inverter type test certification in terms of NRS 097-2-1. The accredited body must be SANAS accredited or be a member of the recognition arrangements of the International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation (ILAC) or the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) in terms of ISO/IEC 17025:2005 for photovoltaic systems. The accreditation bodies must provide accreditation documentation for the specific test location.
2. The accredited body must:
 - a) Issue a Certificate of Conformity for all GTIs and ancillary equipment (e.g. network and system grid protection voltage and frequency relays for the centralised disconnect switch) in terms of the requirements of current NRS 097-2-1 document.
 - b) Provide summary Test Report [excluding sensitive information test results] comprising of:
 - i. Report reference number, test laboratory name, client/applicant's name and reference, test specification and report form, test item description/name/model/types, ratings, lab and testing location, name and signature of test person and approval authority, manufacturer name and dress, test report documentation version control;
 - ii. Test item particulars, test case verdicts [N/A, pass and fail], test and issue dates, general remarks;
 - iii. Copy of GTIs and ancillary equipment name plate data;
 - iv. General product information, preferably with the inclusion of the GTIs and ancillary equipment electrical block diagram;
 - v. Summary of NRS 097-2-1 indicating all clauses, clause description/requirement/test, result/remark and verdict [N/A, pass or fail];
 - vi. Test overview summary.
3. NRS 097-2-1: 2017 was published on 8 March 2017 and replaces NRS 097-2-1: 2010. Inverter requirements are as follows:
 - a) Retrospective compliance of installed NRS 097-2-1: 2010 type tested inverters to the new NRS 097-2-1: 2017 version: Retrospective compliance of the installed SSEG base with the new version is not required.
 - b) New installations with existing certified NRS 097-2-1: 2010 type tested inverters:
 - i. SSEG installations and applications in process (inclusive of SSEG system modification or expansion) will be accepted until 31 December 2018 only.
 - ii. Commissioned inverter settings shall be in accordance with the new NRS 097-2-1: 2017 version.
 - c) New inverter type test certification:
 - i. All the existing NRS097-2-1: 2010 type tested inverters must be SANAS re-certified in accordance with new NRS097-2-1: 2017 with effect from 1

January 2019 if the inverter is being considered for a new embedded generation application.

- ii. New inverter type test certifications must be in accordance with the new NRS 097-2-1: 2017 version and the embedded generation installation using such inverters shall be compliant with new version.

APPENDIX 3: SUITABLY INTERLOCKED CHANGE-OVER SWITCH FOR GRID-TIED HYBRID SSEG AND A PASSIVE STANDBY UPS UTILISED AS OFF-GRID HYBRID SSEG

1. This includes interrupters, transfer switches, bypass switches, isolation switches and tie switches.
2. The switch shall provide feedback of its position to the inverter/charger so that if the contacts fail to operate or malfunction [e.g. fused-closed contacts, inadvertent energising of the change-over switch coil, etc.], use of the inverter mode will be impossible.
3. The requirements of SANS 10142-1 Section 7.12.2.5 are applicable.
4. It shall be a separate, controllable switch, compatible with the applicable electrical service conditions and to the performance requirements of the passive standby UPS, in accordance with SANS / IEC 60947-6-1 and the following product specifications:
 - a) Static transfer systems (STS): SANS / IEC 62310-3.
 - b) Automatic transfer systems (ATS): SANS / IEC 60947-6-1.
 - c) Manual isolation, tie and transfer switches (MTS): SANS / IEC 60947-3.
5. The switch shall have a rated lightning impulse withstand voltage (BIL) of 4 kV at 1,2/50 μ s in accordance with SANS / IEC 60947-1 (Tables H.1 and 12).
6. Characteristics of the transfer shall be break-before-make (open transition) – no transient cross-conduction during transfer. The transfer time of the switch shall be ≥ 20 ms.
7. The contactor gap of the switch shall exceed 4 mm in accordance with SANS 60950-1, S 2.10.3.3 and Table 2K for a fixed installation with overvoltage category 2.

Note: The Certificate of Compliance with the accompanied test report must provide detail of the suitably interlocked change-over switch as above in Sections 3 and 4 of the SANS 10142-1 Test report.

APPENDIX 4: APPROVALS REQUIRED FROM OTHER MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

1. Planning and Building Development Management

No building plans are required to be submitted provided the SSEG installation does not project more than 1.5 m, measured perpendicularly, above the roof and/or not more than 600mm above the highest point of the roof. If the above parameters are exceeded then full building plans, including an engineer's endorsement, are required. A relaxation in terms of the Zoning Scheme Regulations might also be required under either one or both above circumstances. The SSEG applicant will be required to apply to Building Control to verify that the proposed rooftop PV installation will not require additional civil / structural requirements.

2. Ground-mounted PV systems

No building plans are required to be submitted provided the panel(s) in its installed position does not project more than 2.1 metres above the natural/finished ground level. Full building plans are required where any part of the installation projects more than 2.1 metres above the ground level (i.e. carport conversion etc.).

3. Environmental Approvals

Solar PV SSEG installations covered by this document do not require Environmental Approval².

4. Health and Air Quality Approvals

Air Quality and Mechanical Engineering (Noise) Units do not need to be consulted with SSEG applications where diesel fuelled mechanical engine generator are not part of the installation. Should a mechanical engine which burns fuel or generates noise be incorporated in the installation, such applications should be referred to the Municipal Health Department.

² Large-scale embedded generation installations would require environmental authorisation (EA) in terms of the NEMA 2010 EIA Regulations if they generate > 10 MW electricity. In addition, the electrical transmission infrastructure that may be associated with a large scale embedded generation system would also require EA if it has a capacity of 275 kV or more within an urban area, or more than 33kV outside urban areas.

APPENDIX 5: APPLICATION FOR THE CONNECTION OF SMALL SCALE EMBEDDED GENERATION



APPLICATION FOR THE CONNECTION OF SMALL SCALE EMBEDDED GENERATION

This application form is for the connection of any type of grid-tied small-scale embedded generation to the electrical installation of residential, commercial or industrial customers, connected to the electrical grid of City of Ekurhuleni.

PLEASE NOTE: FAILURE TO PROVIDE ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION AS REQUIRED BELOW MAY LEAD TO DELAYS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

SECTION A: Application Type

Please select the type of SSEG application and approval sought.

1. New Grid-tied SSEG Installation ☐ (Complete Sections B, C, D, E, G)
2. Changes to Existing Grid-tied SSEG Installation ☐ (Complete Sections B, C, D, E, G)
3. Transfer of Ownership ☐ (Complete Sections B, G)
4. Decommissioning / Moving SSEG Off-grid ☐ (Complete Sections B, F, G)

SECTION B: Applicant and Property Information

B1. Municipal Account Holder Details*

Name:			
Municipal Account Number:		Existing Tariff Category:	
Telephone Number:	Land:	Mobile:	
Email Address:			

* - if the applicant does not yet have an electricity connection, this should be stated above and an application for a new connection will need to be submitted together with this application form.

B2. Property Details

Property Erf number:	
Property use (tick):	Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Business, Commercial, Industrial) <input type="checkbox"/>

Physical address:											
Stand number (as per municipal account):											
Township / Suburb / Farm:								Post code:			
Site GPS coordinates:	Latitude (dd mm ss)		S	2	°						
	Longitude (dd mm ss)		E	2	8	°					

SECTION C: Installer Information

Installer information to be provided as part of the completed **Annexure 4: Regulation 8(1) of the Electrical Installation Regulations (EIR), 2009 Notice of Commencement of Installation Work**. The completed Annexure 4 should be attached to this application form.

The Annexure 4 form can be collected from the City of Ekurhuleni, or downloaded from <https://www.ekurhuleni.gov.za/>

Anticipated Construction Schedule:

Start Date:		Commissioning Date:	
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SECTION D: Embedded Generator Technical Information

D1. NERSA license³

Does the system require a license from NERSA? (tick)	No	
	Yes	

D2. SSEG system overview

Project name:		Nominal AC capacity (kVA):	
Generation technology*(tick): Solar PV <input type="checkbox"/> Wind <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel generator <input type="checkbox"/>			
Other generation type (specify) _____			
Does the SSEG include storage capabilities (tick appropriate):	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Storage capacity:	kW	
		kWh	
System type (tick): Rooftop <input type="checkbox"/> Ground mounted <input type="checkbox"/> Building integrated <input type="checkbox"/>			
Other system type (specify) _____			
Existing main switch:	Voltage (V):		Current (A):
Total inverter AC capacity (kVA):		Total (nameplate) capacity (kWp):	
Grid Connection mode (tick appropriate):	Energy from system to be used solely within the consumer's electricity network and no excess power to be exported to CoE's Electricity Distribution network at any time (i.e. reverse power blocking to be installed)		
	Energy from system to be used within consumer's electricity network and excess power to be exported to CoE's Electricity Distribution network		

³ Licence requirements and exemptions are subject to NERSA guidelines, as published in the ERA.

	Energy from system to be used solely for exporting to CoE's Electricity Distribution Network	
	Energy from system to be used only within customer's electricity network, with no physical connection between the customer's network (or phase on which the SSEG is connected) and the CoE Electricity Distribution network (i.e. off-grid).	
Earthing arrangements i.e. TN-C-S:		

* Provide product description details and specifications of generation technology as a separate appendix to this application

D3. SSEG system details

Make and Model of key generation Equipment	Manufacturer:		
	Model:		
	Serial No:		
	Phase: (Tick)	Single <input type="checkbox"/>	Three <input type="checkbox"/>
Electrical parameters of SSEG: (All units in parallel, to be used for fault-level studies. Not all of these parameters apply to all modes of SSEG. Insert N/A if not applicable).	Rated Voltage:		
	Maximum MVAR limit		
	Inertia constant		
	Maximum peak short-circuit current (A)		
	Neutral to earth resistance (ohms)		
	Xd – Synchronous reactance (p.u.)		
	X'd – Direct axis transient reactance (p.u.)		

D4. Estimated Consumption and Generation Levels

Current electricity consumption/month (kWh)	Range from:	to:
Estimated average output of solar PV/month (kWh)	Summer:	Winter:
Monthly reverse feed (export) estimation (kWh)	Summer:	Winter:
Maximum (peak) expected export power onto Municipal grid (kVA)		

D5. Preliminary design details (for systems >18kVA only):

A preliminary circuit diagram and design showing major components, proposed point of common coupling, isolating and interfacing devices with the municipal electrical network, protection schemes, customer electrical installation, earthing arrangements, etc. should be attached as an appendix to this application form.

D6. Inverter Details

Manufacturer:			
Model:			
Number of Inverters:			
Inverter AC rating (kVA):	Each:	Total (if multiple):	
Other information:			
Number of Phases*:	Single Phase (✓)		Three Phase (✓)
Is the inverter/s certified according to NRS 097-2-1? (test certificate must be attached to this application):			
Please tick applicable below:			(✓)
Islanding			
Anti-islanding			
Reverse blocking			

* - see NRS097-2-3 for phase balancing requirements

E1. Project Name

Project name:	
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E2. Account Holder Details

Name:		
Municipal Account Number:		
ERF No:		
Telephone Number:	Landline:	Mobile:
Email Address:		
Physical address:		

E3. Installer Details

Company name:		
Contact Person Name:		
Telephone:	Landline:	Mobile:
Email address:		
DoL Reg Number:		

E4. SSEG Details

Inverter manufacturer and model:	
Inverter AC rating (kVA) (total if more than one inverter):	
Single of three phase:	
Serial number/s of inverter/s:	
Reverse power blocking method (or N/A):	

E5. Attachments Checklist*:

✓

Final as-built circuit diagram:	
Inverter type test Certificate of Compliance according to NRS 097-2-1, issued by accredited 3 rd party test house:	
Electrical installation Certificate of Compliance according to SANS 10142-1 (and SANS 10142-3 when published):	

* Note: The signed application form, together with final approval from CoE, will service the contract.

E6. Compulsory Declaration (to be completed by ECSA registered Pr Eng or Pr Cert Eng or Pr Tech Eng)

The SSEG installation complies with the relevant sections of NRS 097-2-1 and NRS 097-2-3:		
The loss of mains protection (anti-islanding) has been checked to be functional in test carried out as part of the on-site commissioning – i.e. a momentary disconnection of the mains supply to the site:		
Safety labels have been fitted in accordance with NRS 097-2-1:		
The SSEG installation complies with the relevant sections of SANS 10142-1 and SANS 10142-3 'Low voltage embedded generators' standard (as published), and an installation certificate of compliance is attached:		
The SSEG installation complies with licensing requirements of NERSA		
Reverse power blocking protection system installed and commissioned to prevent reverse power flow onto the municipal distribution electricity network (or N/A):		
Comments:		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Date:</div> <div>Signature:</div> </div>		
ECSA registered Pr Eng or Pr Cert Eng or Pr Tech Eng Details		
Full Name:		
Company Name:		
Telephone:	Landline:	Mobile:
Email address:		
ECSA Reg no.		

F1. Account Holder Details

Name:		
Electricity Account Number:		
ERF No:		
Telephone Number:	Landline:	Mobile:
Email Address:		
Physical address:		

F2. Inverter Details

Inverter manufacturer and model:	
Inverter AC rating (kVA) (total if more than one inverter):	
Serial number/s of inverter/s:	

F3. Decommissioning Agent Details

Name:		
Accreditation/qualification:		
Address (incl. post code):		
Certificate of Compliance number (provide certified copy of the CoC which confirms that the SSEG has been disconnected effectively from the municipal electrical distribution grid):		
Telephone number:	Landline:	Mobile:
E-mail address		
Name:	Signature:	Date:

SECTION G: Declaration

I request the City of Ekurhuleni to proceed with a preliminary review of this embedded generation interconnection application / decommissioning / transfer of ownership (delete non-applicable) and I agree to pay the cost associated with completing this review and obtaining written consent of the Municipality, though such costs are unlikely except if grid studies are required. Should such grid studies be required, a quotation for such work will be provided beforehand, giving me the opportunity to cancel or modify the application should I wish to do so.

I further consent to the CoE providing this information to the National Electricity Regulator of SA (NERSA).

I declare that this installation has been designed such that it complies with the requirements laid out in the latest version of the Municipality's *Requirements for Embedded Generation* document. I agree not to interconnect and operate this proposed SSEG system without written approval from the Municipality to do this.

Account Holder/Property Owner Signoff:

_____	_____	_____
Name	Date	Signature

DOL registered Electrician / PV Installer / Technician Signoff:

Organisation name:

Person:

_____	_____	_____
Name	Date	Signature

Return completed form to the relevant office, or email address:

Office: Room 4XX, 4TH Floor, Boksburg Civic Centre, Trichardts Road, Boksburg.
Email: SSEG@ekurhuleni.gov.za

Attachments to this application checklist (tick)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Preliminary circuit diagram (if >18kVA)		
Annex 4: Regulation 8(1) of the Electrical Installation Regulations (EIR), 2009 Notice of Commencement of Installation Work		
Inverter type test Certificate of Compliance and Test Report according to NRS 097-2-1, issued by accredited 3 rd party test house		
Supplemental power generation technology product description and specifications		
City Planning Department Approval		
Department of Environmental Resource Management Approval		
Disaster & Emergency Management Services Approval		

FOR OFFICE USE

1. Other municipal department approvals:

Clearance by other Municipal departments

SECTION	COMMENTS	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
City Planning Department				
Disaster & Emergency Management Services				
Department of Environmental Resource Management				

Notes:

- Energy Department will require **prior** approval from this department if necessary. Applications to connect to the municipal electrical grid will not be considered until relevant approval has been obtained by the applicant.
- SSEG applications will require approval from Planning and Building Development Management if:
 - Roof top installations: PV panel(s), turbines etc. in its installed position projects more than 1.5m, measured perpendicularly, above the roof and/or projects more than 600mm above the highest point of the roof;
 - Installations on the ground: PV panel(s), turbines etc. in its installed position projects more than 2.1 metres above the natural/finished ground level.
- SSEG applications will require approval from Environmental Resource Management if emitting generators, such as diesel fuel generators, are utilised.

2. Alternative and Renewable Energy Division

Date Application Received:		Application Reference No.	
Further Information Required	YES / NO	Date Received:	
Inspection Required	YES / NO	Date Undertaken:	
More detailed studies Required	YES / NO	Date Complete:	
Approved in Principle:	YES / NO	Date Applicant Advised:	

3. Revenue Services

Direct driven Meter change required:	YES / NO	Date Applicant Advised:	
Tariff Change approved:	YES / NO	Date Applicant Advised:	
Instruction given for the installation of Direct driven Meter	YES / NO	Date Applicant Advised:	

4. Operations and Maintenance

Existing Safety Labels on network:	<div>YES / NO</div>	Date Applicant Advised:	<div></div>
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Noting for Safety labels required:	<div>YES / NO</div>	Date Applicant Advised:	<div></div>
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4.1 Protection Test and Metering

Existing protection and fault settings adequate:	<div>YES / NO</div>	Date Applicant Advised:	<div></div>
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Protection and fault settings adjusted:	<div>YES / NO</div>	Date Applicant Advised:	<div></div>
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Installation of AMR CT- CT/ VT	<div>YES / NO</div>		<div></div>
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4.2 Planning and Construction

Import Network Capacity	<div>YES / NO</div>	Date Applicant Advised:	<div></div>
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Export Network Capacity:	<div>YES / NO</div>	Date Applicant Advised:	<div></div>
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5. Commissioning

Commissioning Report received:	<div>YES / NO</div>	Date received:	<div></div>
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Further information required:	<div>YES / NO</div>	Date Received:	<div></div>
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Installation inspection: Copy of COC received	<div>YES / NO</div>	Date inspected:	<div></div>
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SSEG meter installed	<div>YES / NO</div>	Date installed:	<div></div>
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Tariff change effected	<div>YES / NO</div>	Date changed:	<div></div>
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Comments:

6. Final CoE Approval

_____ Name and designation	_____ Date	_____ Signature / Stamp

7. Decommissioning

Decommissioning Report
received:

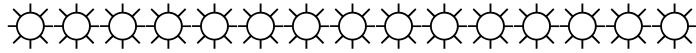
YES / NO

Date received:

Decommissioning CoC
received:

YES / NO

Date received:



EKURHULENI BUDGET

Annexure D26

EKURHULENI COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT FUND POLICY

2020-2021

*20 years of a responsive and modern
public service partner that fosters change
towards building a better Ekurhuleni*

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PREAMBLE

HAVING realized the imperative that the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality is the engine of economic development, growth and transformation, the City has resolved to demonstrate stronger commitment to enable service delivery levels that are responsive to local economic development needs.

WHEREAS the approach enables the City to unlock and open the economy to non-traditional economic players who in turn would trigger economic activity and enable the economy to be more dynamic, competitive and inclusive.

WHEREAS the Community Enterprise Development (CED) function aims to support and develop community enterprises through the stimulation of the CED Ecosystem and Value Chain in order to heed the call made through section 152 (1) (c) of the Constitution of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996 which states that; “The objects of local government are to promote social & economic development”; and section 153(a), which stipulates that the City should structure & manage its administration, budgeting and planning processes to, amongst others, promote social and economic development of the community.

WHEREAS section 67 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act no. 56 of 2003 provide a platform to transfer funds to organisations outside any sphere of government, subject to compliance with criterion and conditions being met.

AND WHEREAS the ECEDF policy intends to enable the City of Ekurhuleni to support, partner and leverage categories of organisations within and outside its municipal boundaries as outlined in this policy document as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this Policy, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following meaning to be given to the words /terms:

“Act” refers to the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003.

“Council” refers to the highest decision-making body in the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality.

“CoE” refers to the City of Ekurhuleni

“Ekurhuleni Community Enterprise Development” (ECED) refers to a City of Ekurhuleni programme that provides financial and non-financial support to empower entrepreneurs.

“Ekurhuleni Community Enterprise Development Fund” refers to discretionary financial assistance or grant or allocation, as referred to in Section 17(3)(j)(iv) of the MFMA, made by the Municipality to any organisation or body referred to in Section 67(1) and to be utilised to assist the municipality in fulfilling the Constitutional mandates including social development and arts and culture as set out therein.

“Entrepreneur” refers to persons (business owners) who seek to generate value, through the creation or expansion of economic activity, by identifying and exploiting new products, processes or markets.

“Local Institution” refers to an institution based and operating within the Ekurhuleni Municipal Jurisdiction

“Service Level Agreement or Memorandum of Agreement” refers to the agreement entered into between the municipality and any organisation or body which receives a ECED Fund in terms of this Policy.

“NGO” refers to non-governmental organisations that is a legally constituted non-profit organisation that

operates independently from any form of government.

“**SMME**” refers to small, medium and micro enterprises, namely Exempted Micro Enterprises and Qualifying Small Enterprises.

“**Cooperative**” refers to a business or organisation which is owned and run jointly by its members who share the profits or benefits.

“**Black Industrialists**” refers to high level South African black ownership (50+1), directly involved in the origination, creation, management and operation of industrial enterprises that derive value from the manufacturing of goods and services at a large scale.

“**EME**” refers to an Exempted Micro Enterprise with an annual total revenue of R5 million or less, or is a recently formed or incorporated entity that has been in operation for less than one year (start-up enterprise).

“**QSE**” refers to a Qualifying Small Enterprise having a turnover in excess of R10 million and less than R50 million.

“**Beneficiaries**” refers to Group 1, 2 & 3 fund recipients who are Entrepreneurs, Cooperatives, SMMEs, Organized Business Fora, Industry Association, Programme Implementers, Chambers of Commerce, Local and International Development Finance Institutions and Private Sector Corporates.

“**Group 1, 2 and 3**” refers to targeted beneficiaries on section 7 of the policy.

“**Black People**” refers to *Black people is a generic term which means Africans, Coloureds and Indians–*

- *Who are citizens of the Republic of South Africa by birth or descent; or*
- *Who became citizens of the Republic of South Africa by naturalization-*
- *Before 27 April 2014; or*
- *On or after 27 April 1994 and who would have been entitled to acquire citizenship by naturalization prior to that date.”*

On 18 June 2008, the Chinese Association of South Africa approached the High Court with a request that South African Chinese people be included in the definition of “black people”. This relief was granted and, as such, “black people” for purposes of Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) now refers to Africans, Coloureds, Indians and Chinese people.

2. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- 2.1 The Ekurhuleni Community Enterprise Development Fund is informed by section 156 of the Constitution, read with section 8 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act no. 32 of 2000.
- 2.2 The powers and functions of municipalities are set out in **section 156 of the Constitution**, read with **part B of Schedules 4 and 5 to the Constitution**. The Framework that regulates the ECED fund is provided for in:

Section 15 - a municipality may incur expenditure only –
(a) in terms of an approved budget; and

(b) within the limits of the amounts appropriated for the different votes in an approved budget.

Section 17(3) - when an annual budget is tabled in terms of **Section 16(2)**, it must be accompanied by the following documents:

- (a) Particulars of any proposed allocations or grants by the municipality to-
- (b) any organizations or bodies referred to in **section 67 (1)**.

Section 67 (1) - before transferring funds of the municipality to an organization or body outside any sphere of government otherwise than in compliance with a commercial or other business transaction, the Accounting Officer must be satisfied that the organization or body:

- (a) has the capacity and has agreed –
 - (i) to comply with any agreement with the municipality;
 - (ii) for the period of the agreement to comply with all reporting financial management and auditing requirements as may be stipulated in the agreement;
 - (iii) to report at least monthly to the Accounting Officer on actual expenditure against such transfer;
 - (iv) to submit its audited financial statements for its financial year to the Accounting Officer promptly.

Section 67 (4), subsection (1) (a) does not apply to an organization or body serving the poor or used by government as an agency to serve the poor, provided –

- (a) that the transfer does not exceed a prescribed limit as determined by the City of Ekurhuleni; and
- (b) that the Accounting Officer –
 - (i) takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the targeted beneficiaries receive the benefit of the transferred funds, and
 - (ii) certifies to the Auditor-General that compliance by that organization or body with **subsection (1)(a)** is uneconomical or unreasonable.

3. SCOPE OF COVERAGE

The ECED Fund seeks to enable the syndication of Enterprise, Suppliers & Incubation Development interventions through non-financial & financial interventions by mobilizing and leveraging the following services in favour of the entrepreneur:

- i. Business Support Services (i.e. Entrepreneurship Competencies, Coaching, Mentorship, Incubation, Financial Literacy Programmes, Pitching Boosters, etc.);
- ii. Technical Support (i.e. Equipment, Raw Materials, Technology, Motor Body Repairs, etc.);
- iii. Co-Funding (i.e. Syndicated funding, Grants, Financing & Crowd Funding);
- iv. Business Linkages Support (i.e. Market Place Portal, PPPFA opportunities, Expos, Export Promotion Missions, CSI linkages, etc.);
- v. Business Infrastructure Support; and
- vi. Ekurhuleni Entrepreneurship Awards.

4. TARGETED AREAS OF IMPACT

The ECED Fund shall focus on the following segments of the economic landscape in favour of the entrepreneur:

- i. Township Economies: Trade, Retail, Wholesale and related Initiatives;
- ii. Black Industrialization: Manufacturing, Fourth Industrial Revolution Programmes, Smart;
- iii. Industries, Aerospace & Aviation, Agro-processing and related Initiatives;
- iv. Services: Hospitality, Tourism, Catering & Foods, Transport, Logistics, Digitalization, ICT, Innovation and related Initiatives;
- v. Environmental: Primary & Commercial Agriculture, Green Economy, Recycling, Buy Back and related Initiatives;
- vi. Human Development: Enterprise and Supplier Development, Business Support;




- vii. Incubation, Mentorship, Skills Development & Training, Auto Body Repairs, Training, Youth Employment Services and related Initiatives.

5. PRIORITY AREAS

Disciplines	Interventions
Township Economies:	Stock, Raw materials, Machinery, Equipment, Business Infrastructure, and any other business requirement that are deemed relevant.
Industrialization:	Stock, Raw materials, Machinery, Equipment, Business Infrastructure, Tools, and any other business requirement that are deemed relevant.
Services:	Commercial Vehicles, Technology, Uniforms, PPE, Machinery, Equipment, Business Infrastructure, and any other business requirement that are deemed relevant.
Environmental:	Stock, Raw materials, Seedling, Chicks, Abattoir Equipment, Machinery, Equipment, Business Infrastructure, and any other business requirement that are deemed relevant.
Human Development:	Training, Technology, Subject matter Experts, Study Materials, Office Equipment, Machinery, Equipment, Business Infrastructure, and any other business requirement that are deemed relevant.

6. EVALUATION AND ADJUDICATION PRINCIPLE

The ECED Fund shall apply the following allocation principle which shall be conducted over a three-stage evaluation, inspection and adjudication process in respect of Group 1 and 2 beneficiaries as follows:

Activities	Weighting	Points
 Back Office Business Plan Evaluation	40%	40
 Business Inspection & Verification	20%	20
 Business Proposal Interviews or Pitching Session	40%	40
Total Point System (Adjudication Average Score)	100%	100

7. TARGETTED BENEFICIARIES

The ECED Fund shall prioritise the following Groups of beneficiaries as defined below:

Group 1:

- An Exempted Micro Enterprise (EME) or Qualifying Small Enterprise (QSE) which is at least 51% controlled by **black people**;
- An EME or QSE which is at least 51% controlled by **black people who are youth (persons between the ages of 18-35 years)**;
- An EME or QSE which is at least 51% controlled by **black people who are women**;
- An EME or QSE which is at least 51% controlled by **black people with disabilities**;
- An EME or QSE which is at least 51% controlled by **black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships**;
- An EME or QSE which is controlled by black people living in **rural or underdeveloped areas or townships**;

- (vii) An EME or QSE which is a **co-operative** which is at least 51% controlled by **black people**; and
- (viii) An EME or QSE which is at least controlled 51% by **black people who are military veterans**.

Group 2:

The ECED Fund shall focus on reputable and registered Business Development Entities, SED Event Management Companies, Organized Business Formations, Associations and/or Chambers of Commerce whose aim is to mobilize, advocate, support entrepreneurship and implement supplier development programme for the benefit of their members, the SED eco-system and the community as follows:

- i. Organized Business Formations (including Chambers of Commerce).
- ii. Organized Industry Associations.
- iii. Organized Business Incubation Organizations.
- iv. Organized Business Support Organizations.
- v. Organized Supplier Development Practitioner Organizations.
- vi. Organized Tourism Development Organizations.
- vii. Organized Skills Development Organizations.
- viii. Organized Black Industrialist Formations.
- ix. State Owned Agencies that are involved in Small Business Development.
- x. Event Management Organizations that are involved in Small Business Development.
- xi. Incubators, Enterprise & Supplier Development Concept Originators and/or Right Owners.
- xii. Tourism Product Owners and Event Management Companies.

Group 3:

The ECED Fund shall focus on reputable and registered Financial Intermediaries, Development Finance Institutions, Corporate Foundations and Corporate Funds whose aim is to enable entrepreneurship and supplier development programme for the benefit of the SED eco-system and the community.

8. FUNDING ALLOCATION PRINCIPLE OF THE EKURHULENI COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT FUND

- 8.1 The funding principle of the Ekurhuleni Community Enterprise Development Fund shall be characterized by the following elements which seeks to maximize the impact to Ekurhuleni Communities as follows:

Interventions	Focus Areas	Funding Structure	% Allocation
Group 1: CoE Business Support to Local Entrepreneurs, Businesses, Organizations & Associations.	▪ Entrepreneurs, Companies, JVs, Consortia, Close Corporations & Cooperatives (Group1).	Business Seed Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Third Party Funding ▪ Direct Funding ▪ Economic Relief Funding 	20% of Total MTREF Budget for Group 1: Funding mechanism: 100% = Monetary Transfers
Group 2: CoE Business Support to Local Entrepreneurs, Businesses, Organizations & Associations.	▪ Organized Business Formations and SED Companies (Group 2)	Business Seed Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Third Party Funding ▪ Direct Funding ▪ Economic Relief Funding 	20% of MTREF Budget for Group 2: Funding mechanism: 100% = Monetary Transfers
Group 3a: Development Finance Institution and Private Sector SED Funds	National Empowerment Fund	Business Finance for Black Owned Businesses, Black Industrialists, etc.	40% of MTREF Budget for Group 3a: Funding mechanism: 100% = Monetary Transfers
Group 3b: Development Finance Institution and Private Sector SED Funds	Organized Business, SED Practitioners, Concept & Programme Owners & Implementers, Business Support Services & DFIs	Direct transfer to DFI & CSI administered fund on 50:50 basis as per SL&FA	18% of MTREF Budget for Group 3b Funding mechanism: 100% = Monetary Transfers
Ekurhuleni Township Business Ceremony	Business & Excellence Recognition Awards	CoE Procurement as per SCM Policy	2% of MTREF Budget

8.2 ECEDF Principle Thresholds: In order to effectively manage the allocation of funding to Groups 1 and 2, the following thresholds shall apply:

• Individual Entrepreneur (Formal & Informal Economy)	R 50 000 to R 1,5 million
	R 100 000 to R 8 million
• Business Incubators	R 100 000 to R 3 million
• Women, Youth & PWD Development Formations	
	R 100 000 to R1,5 million
• Entrepreneurship Development & Event Management Co.	
	R 100 000 to R1,5 million
• Innovation Promotion & Development Formations	
	R 100 000 to R3 million
• Entrepreneurship Pitching Boosters	R 100 000 to R6 million
	R 100 000 to R 3 million
• Agriculture Emerging Farmers	R 50 000 to R 500 000

9. GUNDING ALLOCATION CONDITIONS: GROUP 1 (ONE)

9.1 The ECED Fund shall apply the following Funding Allocation & Selection Criteria in respect of Group 1:

Averaged Scores	<p>Step1: All applicant's business proposal are required to score an average of 20 plus 1 of 40 points (at least), against the qualifying criteria in order to move to the next level of Adjudication.</p> <p>Step2: Qualifying applicants to be subjected to a compulsory interview, induction, financial management and enterprise development training.</p>
Gender Distribution	50% Females and 50% Males
People with Disabilities	2% of Persons with Disabilities (PWD)
Funding Criterion	<p>70% Youth Across Gender/ 30% Non-Youth Across Gender</p>
Youth Distribution	50% Females and 50% Males
Residential Status	<p>Three Stage Verification: <u>Residential, Business & IEC Verification.</u></p> <p>70% for Township Businesses and 30% for Urban Businesses</p>
National Question Consideration	<p>90% PDI: In particular Africans, Indians and Coloured.</p> <p>10% Non-PDI</p>

9.2 The ECED Fund shall apply the following Funding Proposal Point Scoring Sheet in respect of Group

1 Applications:

Evaluation Criteria	Weighting	Point Scale					Max Points Score d
		10	20	30	40	50	
Job Creation	30%	1	2	3	4	5+	8
Economic Empowerment & Ownership	20%	50%	60%	80%	90%	100%+	7
Gender Equality	5%	<50%	50-60%	60-79%	80-99%	100%+	5
Residential Location	15%	Region A	Region B	Region C	Region D	Region E & F	5
Industry Sector	10%	Trade/ Services	Transportation / Logistics	Construction	Manufacturing	Agriculture	5
Youth Development	10%	1	2	3	4	5+	5
Inclusiveness & Social Cohesion (Demographics)	10%	White	White (<R600k)	Indian	Coloured	African	5
Total	100%						
						Total Points	40

9.2.1 Ten (10) Overall Bonus Points shall be allocated to the total scores of applicants that are certified by a Registered Medical Practitioner to be Persons Living with Disabilities.

9.3 The Funding Allocation for Group 1 Applicants shall be informed by the following Funding Principles;

Score Attained	Proposed Funding by the
90-100 points	100% of funding requests subject to budget availability
70-89 points	80% of funding requests subject to budget availability
50-69 points	60% of funding requests subject to budget availability

9.4 Group 1 Funding Applicants must submit the following Certified Documentation:

- i. Section 67 Application Form
- ii. Concept proposal
- iii. Declaration of Interest (MBD 4);
- iv. *Copy of Company Registration;
- v. *Valid Tax Clearance Certificate / Proof of Tax Clearance System (TCS);
- vi. Cancelled cheque or Bank account confirmation letter;
- vii. *B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit;
- viii. Copy of ID documents of members/shareholders;
- ix. Latest Rates and Taxes Statement or lease agreement (Municipal Account);

- x. *Central Suppliers Database (CSD) Registration; and
- xi. Business & Residential References.

9.5 These *Documents shall be waived at the discretion of the Economic Development Department in respect of applicants from Informal Economy Practitioners.

10. FUNDING ALLOCATION CONDITIONS: GROUP 2 (TWO)

10.1 The ECED Fund shall apply the following Funding Allocation and Selection Criteria in respect of Groups 2:

Averaged Scores	<p>Step1: All applicant's business proposals are required to score an average of 30 plus 1 of 40 points against the qualifying criteria in order to move to the next level of Adjudication.</p> <p>Step2: Qualifying applicants to be subjected to a compulsory induction, financial management and enterprise development training.</p>
Gender Distribution	50% Females and 50% Males
Persons with Disabilities	2% of People with Disabilities
Funding Criterion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •70% Youth Across Gender/ •30% Non-Youth Across Gender
Youth Distribution	50% Females and 50% Males
Residential Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Three Stage Verification: <u>Residential, Business & IEC Verification.</u> •70% for Township Businesses and 30% for Urban Businesses
National Question Consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% PDI: In particular Africans, Indians and Coloured. • 10% Non-PDI

3.2 The following Funding Proposal Point Scoring Sheet shall be applied in the Evaluation of Group 2 Applicants:

Evaluation Criteria	Weighting	Point Scale					Max Scored Points
		10	20	30	40	50	
Job Creation (New Employees)	20%	<10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30+	6
Skills Development (External)	10%	<10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30+	3
Economic Empowerment & Ownership	10%	20%	50%	60%	80%	100%	4
Residential Location	5%	Region A	Region B	Region C	Region D	Region E & F	3
Labour Intensity	5%	5-10%	11-20%	21-30%	31-40%	50%+	3

Industry Sector	5%	Trade/ Services	Transportatio n/ Logistics	Built Environ ment/Co nstruction	Manufacturi ng	Agriculture	3
Own Funding (R'value of Investment)	10%	0-10%	11-15%	16-20%	21-25%	25%+	3
Enterprise Development Initiative	5%	5%>	10%>	15%>	20%>	25%>	3
Private Infrastructure Provision	5%	10-20k	21-30k	31-40k	41-50k	50k+	3
Local Sources (% of proposal value)	5%	5-15%	16-25%	26-35%	36-45%	45%+	3
Youth Development	10%	10	20	30	40	50+	3
Inclusiveness & Social Cohesion (Demographics)	10%	White	White (<R600k)	Indian	Coloured	African	3
Total							
						Total Score	40

10.3 Five Bonus points shall be allocated to entity applicants that are majority-owned and/or support & empower certified Persons Living with Disabilities.

10.4 The Funding Allocation for Group 2 Applicants shall be informed by the following Funding Principles;

Score	Proposed Funding
90-100 points	100% of funding subject to budget availability
80-89 points	90% of funding subject to budget availability
70-79 points	80% of funding subject to budget availability

10.5 Group 2 Funding Applicants must submit the following Certified Documentation:

- (i) Section 67 Application Form;
- (ii) Concept proposal;
- (iii) Declaration of Interest (Form MBD 4);
- (iv) Copy of Company Registration Document;
- (v) Valid Tax Clearance Certificate / Proof of Tax Clearance System (TCS);
- (vi) Cancelled cheque or Bank account confirmation letter;
- (vii) B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit;
- (viii) Copy of ID documents of members/shareholders;
- (ix) Latest Rates and Taxes Statement or lease agreement (Municipal Account);
- (x) Central Suppliers Database (CSD) Registration;
- (xi) Business & Residential References; and
- (xii) Proof of Accreditation to the relevant body

11. FUNDING ALLOCATION CONDITIONS: GROUP 3 (THREE)

11.1 The ECED Fund shall focus on partnership programmes with focuses on the development of black business enterprises. In this regard, the Fund shall prioritize registered Financial Intermediaries, Development Finance Institutions, Foundations and Corporate Funds whose aim is to enable entrepreneurship and supplier development programme for the benefit of the SED eco-system and the community. The ideal partners are those organizations that exist for the sole purpose of developing black businesses (and particularly black industrialists) in manufacturing, Media and printing services, financial services, distribution services, tourism, retail and wholesale, automotive sectors, including established and emerging black farmers, etc.

11.2 The ECED Fund shall focus on Entrepreneurship and Empowerment Enabling Partnership as per Group 3 as follows:

Development Finance Institutions	
State Enterprise Development & Innovation Promotion Funding Organizations	Any legally and appropriately registered Trusts; Not-for-Profit Companies; Companies; Cooperatives and Black-owned businesses.
Corporate Supplier Development Programmes & Corporate Social Investment Initiatives.	
Corporate Enterprise Development Funds, Financial Institutions and Programmes	
Non-State Development Finance & Innovation Promotion Organizations	

11.3 The ECED Fund shall consider funding and financing collaboration from third party organizations that shall be subject to agreed funding criterion as provided for in the Service Level & Funding Agreement between CoE and the third party entity;

11.4 CoE and the signed third party entity, shall establish a Joint Pre-Selection Steering Committee to review all applications;

11.5 No funding will be disbursed by partnering third party entity without the consent of the Joint Pre-Selection Committee;

11.6 Both parties are to establish Joint Audit and Risk Committees to provide oversight on funding that is allocated by ECED Fund to Group 3a with the National Empowerment Fund;

11.7 The ECED Fund shall consider collaboration subject to the following Conditions which shall be applicable to Group 3 applicants;

- (i) Comprehensive Partnership Proposal;
- (ii) 50:50 Co-funding Confirmation;
- (iii) Service Level Agreement;
- (iv) Non-Disclosure Agreement; and
- (v) Economic Impact Report.

11.8 The Funding principle for Group 3a and 3b shall be subject to signing of Partnership Agreements by the City Manager or Nominee annually on a case-by-case basis.

11.9 The Head of Department: Economic Development with the concurrence of the Mayoral Committee shall reserve the right to adjust the above thresholds and/or funding allocations per category on a

12. GENERAL GUIDELINES, CONDITIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

- (a) The funding of applications shall proceed on the basis listed below in response to an advertisement issued by the Municipality after the expiry of the relevant period associated with the specific priority categories, after a compulsory application process and the required documentation have been submitted by the applicants and vetted by the Municipality, subject to each qualifying beneficiary signing an MoA or SLA, undertaking to comply with section 67 of the Act.
- (b) The Policy applies to all transfers of funds made by the Municipality restricted to deserving organisations and bodies serving, especially those working with the poor / marginalized / aged / youth / disabled / women or otherwise vulnerable people, as per the eligible Categories in 5.
- (c) Receiving ECED Fund, irrespective of the amount granted is a privilege AND not a right, allocation of the ECED Fund is strictly subject to compliance with this policy and budget availability.
- (d) Funding of application will largely be considered on an annual basis in response to the annual call for proposal to invite applications for the ECED Fund.
- (e) No ECED Fund applicant shall receive more than one fund allocation per financial year.
- (f) The submission of a fully completed application form and required documentation is a prerequisite for consideration for the allocation of funding.
- (g) Group 1 Applicants in excess of R1,500,000 (One Million and Five Hundred Thousand Rand), must submit their most recent management accounts.
- (h) Group 2 Applicants in excess of R3,000,000 (Three Million Rand) must submit their most recent audited financial statements.
- (i) Group 3 Applicants in excess of R3 000 000.00 (Three Million Rand) must submit their most recent audited financial statements.
- (j) All ECEDF applicants must satisfy Council in their submissions about the cost-effectiveness of the project to be funded and a demonstration of their ability to execute such project successfully.

12.1 Special Conditions

- (a) The applicant's key functional areas shall be those that are aligned to the responsibility of the Municipality, i.e. the applicant must be a corporate, non-profit institution / organization / body that is serving entrepreneurs, regulated in terms of section 67(4) of the Act, engaging in activities that support the municipality's Strategic Plan and Priorities, functioning in the fields where the Municipality itself is not actively or sufficiently engaged and where it is considered capable of delivering more effectively in terms of civic empowerment and value for money than the municipality could. Should this not be the case, the applicant will be advised to direct the application to the correct authority, e.g. the State, Provincial Government or other body;
- (b) The Head of Department: Economic Development reserves the right to refer ECEDF applications interchangeably within Group 1, 2 and 3b where the application is considered to meet funding requirements and implementation;
- (c) The applicant must be a local institution/organisation that is located or operating within Ekurhuleni municipal boundaries that contributes and/or that will contribute to the local community;
- (d) A regional institution/organization that will contribute to any future commitment that may be imposed on the Municipality may also be considered;

- (e) The allocation of the ECED Fund should further the rendering of equitable services throughout all communities of the Municipality to the extent appropriate;
- (f) A copy of the applicant's Constitution, Memorandum of Association and any related documentation, latest financial statements (certified if it is a registered organisation), annual reports, business plan and budget estimates (to be submitted by all applicants) which clearly indicate the benefit to the historically disadvantaged within the Community in the form of Development Programmes, etc., to be attached to the application. Failure to attach the abovementioned document will result in such an application not being processed for consideration;
- (g) The applicant must submit a copy of their latest Municipal Services Account or obtain a certified letter from the Chief Financial Officer reflecting the status of the applicant's Municipal services account / debt repayment arrangement;
- (h) Group 2 & 3 fund applicants are to provide relevant experience of the project leader; and detailed Curriculum Vitae's of directors and team members;
- (i) All applications shall first be considered by the relevant allocating Committee on the basis of a set criteria, in line with their individual strategic plan, inter alia, approved on this basis by the ECED Fund Committee and is accordingly submitted to the Mayoral Committee for approval;
- (j) All the recipients of ECED Fund shall in terms of section 67 of the Act be required to submit:
 - i. **monthly progress reports** on how the fund allocation was spent, subject to the proviso that:
 - (a) if the project is such that the expenditure is incurred once-off, then the expenditure report must be submitted immediately once the funds are exhausted and if the funds are expended as the implementation of the project progresses, monthly reporting is peremptory until the funds are all spent.
 - ii. **a final closing report** be submitted not later than the end of the financial year of receiving the ECED Fund, to be collated and submitted to the Mayoral Committee. Failure to submit progress reports / applying the fund for a purpose different from the one its allocated may result in blacklisting and no consideration being given to future applications for the fund and/or the Municipality taking legal action to recover the fund allocated;
- (k) Any outstanding expenditure report on a previously allocated fund will automatically disqualify such applicant for consideration for the ECED Fund.

11.10 Exclusions - Funding will not be considered in the following circumstances:

- (a) If in Council's opinion an applicant receives sufficient funds from other sources to sustain its activities or the project applied for;
- (b) Applicants with Municipal services accounts in arrears for more than three months, in excess of R5000.00 are automatically disqualified from any future ECED Fund until such time that the applicant's municipal services account is properly managed (*prior arrangement made with Finance to pay off arrears less than R5000.00*);
- (c) Where projects fall outside the Municipal boundaries, unless the project benefits the Ekurhuleni community or a specific group within the Municipal boundaries;
- (d) Where only one individual will benefit from the funded project (unless proof of job-creation and community benefit / impact is attached to the close-up report).
- (e) Where subsequent requests for ECED Fund are to cover unauthorised overspending on projects;
- (f) Council reserves the right not to award any funding allocation to an organisation that cannot account for the expenditure of a previously awarded ECED Fund;

- (g) Where the application form was not completed in full by the applicant and not all documentation provided without a reasonable explanation;
- (h) Funding for a bursary or other related activities / reasons / resources.
- (i) For the purposes of disaster relief;
- (j) Indigent Grants;
- (k) Housing development subsidies;
- (l) Originations/Bodies receiving any other financial assistance offered by CoE;
- (m) Donation of assets, moveable or immovable;
- (n) Rewards and Awards;
- (o) Conditional Grants received by the Municipality, which are in turn awarded to outside organizations to perform the service function;
- (p) Inter-governmental Grants;
- (q) Political organisations and Civic Organisation, Rate Payers' Association or for any religious purposes;
- (r) Where expenses have already been incurred;
- (s) Subsidies for municipal rates/housing billing subsidies;
- (t) No ECED Fund award to an organisation that cannot account for the expenditure of a previous ECED Funding within the prescribed period;
- (u) No subsequent requests for ECED Fund are to cover unauthorised overspending on projects;
- (v) Where the application does not meet with the priorities, strategies and objectives set out in the IDP of the Municipality;
- (w) Funds to support transportation costs, salaries and other overhead costs, *and*,
- (x) No funding will be allocated under this Policy, to an organisation/body in cases where a member of Council or an Official of the Municipality or close relatives of the said individual stands to receive any financial or other gain.

13. PUBLIC CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND APPLICATION PROCESS

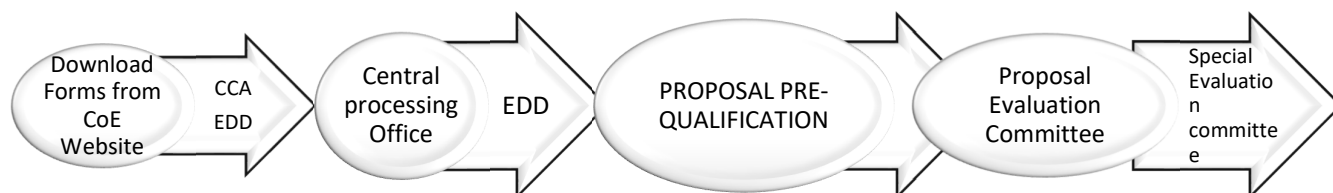
The City Manager or Nominee must, within three (3) months after the approval of the annual budget or an adjustment budget (in the event that additional funds becoming available), place a public advertisement in the main local and provincial newspapers distributed in the municipal area, calling for Proposals / Applications to be submitted", the advert on the **Request for Proposals for the ECED Fund** will be run with the following specifics;

- a) The Advertisement should clearly specify;
 - (i) The categories for which Proposals are called;
 - (ii) The closing date for submitting applications;
 - (iii) Who the applications should be addressed to;
 - (iv) Where and how to obtain the relevant application forms;
 - (v) That Council reserves the right not to make any award;
 - (vi) That organisations that have received funding in the previous financial year(s) must first submit a final close-up report on the projects previously funded; and
 - (vii) That only duly completed applications on the prescribed forms will be considered.
- (viii) Funds may not be transferred to any organisation or body that has not submitted a Proposal in response to the public advertisement.
- (ix) Non-compliance on the submission of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification.
- (x) Applicants who have not received any correspondence after three (3) months of the closing date should assume that their application has been unsuccessful.

b) Standard Application process

- Applications shall be made on the original prescribed form;
- Applications must be signed by the Head of the Organisation or body and must include the following information:
 - (i) Date of application;
 - (ii) Contact details of the organisation or body;
 - (iii) Date established;
 - (iv) Type of organization;
 - (v) Registration number;
 - (vi) Details of previous funding received from the Municipality;
 - (vii) Details of other funding received from the Municipality;
 - (viii) Purpose or aim of funding;
 - (ix) Detailed description of project to be implemented utilising the funding;
 - (x) Detailed breakdown of projected costs;
 - (xi) Details of sources of income and funding;
 - (xii) Banking details;
 - (xiii) Trade References;
 - (xiv) Certification of details provided by senior person of organization;
 - (xv) Checklist of supporting documentation; and
 - (xvi) Declaration by the head of the organisation or nominee to the satisfaction of the City Manager that the organisation or body implements effective, efficient and transparent financial management and internal control mechanisms to guard against fraud, theft and financial mismanagement and has in the past complied with the requirements of similar transfer of funds

(c) Application Framework



Exclusions to the ECED Fund Applicants:

- (i) Applications for ECED Fund Applications (**Group 1**) are open to South African citizens who are residents of the City of Ekurhuleni ONLY;
- (ii) Applications for ECED Fund Applications (**Group 2**) are open to South African organizations who are located in Ekurhuleni and the Gauteng Province ONLY; and
- (iii) Applications for ECED Fund Applications (Group 3b) are open to South African organizations who are located in Ekurhuleni, Gauteng Province and other provinces for the purpose of implementing programmes in the CoE.

d) Screening process

The screening shall be conducted by the relevant and duly appointed EDED Fund Committee members who should assess the proposal of the following:

- a) Compliance with the criteria contained in the Policy;
- b) Viability of the project;
- c) Sustainability of the project;
- d) That the project will be completed within the available funds;
- e) That sufficient evidence of proper financial control will be exercised;
- f) That applicants have demonstrated that it meets the goals of the IDP and other City' strategic objectives;

- g) Individual applicants to assert / attach proof how the funded project will contribute towards job-creation and/or community benefit.
- h) That applicants have demonstrated cost-effective measures and ability to execute project successfully, achieve clearly defined outputs or outcomes and the ability to manage funds effectively;
- i) That the applicants have agreed to:
 - (i) Report monthly to the Accounting Officer on actual expenditure;
 - (ii) Submit audited financial statements for its financial year;
 - (iii) Implement effective, efficient and transparent financial management and internal control systems to guard against fraud, theft and financial mismanagement; and
 - (iv) Have in respect of previous similar transfers complied with all requirements (if any).
- j) Ad hoc applications may be considered in the case of partnerships under Group 3 as part of and in terms of the Council Annual Budget Adjustment process.
- k) Site inspections conducted (verifying the existence of the organization)

Through the Economic Development Department, the ECED Fund Committee will make final allocation recommendations to the Mayoral Committee for Noting and Approval.

e) Approval Process

The Mayoral Committee shall consider the recommendations of the Economic Development Department' ECED Fund Committee, as recommended subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Compliance with the ECED Fund Policy criteria;
- (ii) Allocations being within the approved budgeted funds;
- (iii) Compliance with the provisions of section 67 of the MFMA; and
- (iv) Applicants' municipal accounts are up to date or if in arrears by an amount below five thousand Rands (R5000.00), prior arrangements for payment has been made with the Finance Department.

f) Evaluation and Adjudication Committees for the ECED Fund

✚ The following Departments and Offices, represented by nominees of Heads of Department form part of the Special Adjudication Committee:

- Economic Development Department;
- Office of the City Manager; and
- Office of the Executive Mayor.

✚ The following departments of the City are to play an oversight role on the operations of the fund; Risk Management Department; Finance Department; and Internal Audit Department.

✚ Declaration of Interest: Committee Members / Officials Involved in the ECED Fund Process

- i. Each Committee member/Official involved in the ECED Fund is required to sign a declaration of interest independence with regard to the following: -
 - That he/she does not hold a position of Directorship/Partnership with any beneficiary organization awarded a Fund.
 - That he/she is not associated with the Directors/Partners of a Fund beneficiary organization.
 - That there is no conflict of interest between his/her personal interests as a Committee member/Official carrying out his duties on behalf of Council and, the interests of the beneficiary organization.
 - That the Official / Committee member warrants that he/she is not in any way whatsoever related to or associated with any of the funded beneficiaries.

g) Award process

- i. Only successful applicants shall be informed in writing of the outcome of their applications by the ECED Fund Administrator in Economic Development Department.
- ii. All applicants that have not been contacted after three months of submitting the

- application, such should assume that their application was not successful.
- iii. Successful applicants will sign the Memorandum of Agreement and/or a Service Level Agreement with CoE within 30 days of being informed of the result of their application.
- iv. Over and above the afore mentioned requirements, the following conditions and directives shall be applied for ECED Fund applicants;
- v. CoE reserves the right to conduct site inspections of the Applicant's business premises pre and post the award.

h) Transfer Process

Tranche payments of funding allocations shall be transferred to the Bank account/and or third party suppliers of the applicant in such instalments as agreed to in writing in the signed MOA/and or SLA as well as the payment agreement, approved in terms of the applicable delegated authority.

- (i) **ECED Fund Beneficiaries Group 1:** Awards to successful applicants shall only be made as per follows;
 - a) 100% cash transfer to successful applicants or nominated third party suppliers subject to the submission of three original quotations for verification/approval of CoE. CoE reserves the right not to approve award payment certificates/invoices as well as approve final accounts if the following are not adhered to:
 - o Provision of Proof of Delivery in the case of Group 1.
 - o Proof of Attendance of the Compulsory Induction and Training programme; and
- (ii) **ECED Fund Beneficiaries Group 2:** Awards/disbursement to successful applicants shall be made in cash batches of Batch1: 20%; Batch2: 40% and Batch3: 40% subject to performance & adherence to approved award conditions.
- (iii) **ECED Fund Beneficiaries Group 3:** Awards/disbursement to successful applicants shall be made directly to the beneficiary account subject to adherence to approved award conditions.

i) Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting

The Economic Development Department shall ensure that the following reports are submitted:

- Quarterly Performance and Financial Reports to Mayoral Committee.
- Annual Report to Mayoral Committee.
- Annual Audit Report to Audit Committee and Mayoral Committee.
- Annual Economic Impact Report.

14. ANNUAL EKURHULENI ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARDS

14.1 All the successful beneficiaries shall receive their ECED Fund Letters of Awards at a public event that shall be organized in consultation with the Mayoral Committee in line with national regulations on public gatherings (where applicable);

14.2 All the awarded beneficiaries shall be invited to the **Annual Ekurhuleni Entrepreneurship Awards** to recognise best performers as well as those entrepreneurs that have and continue to make significant contributions to the City' economy. The possible awards shall be in the categories below;


Organisational Recognition Categories

- (i) Best Ecosystem Integrator Award.
- (ii) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Business Support Services.
- (iii) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Innovation.
- (iv) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Business Incubation.
- (v) Best Performing Entrepreneur: State Owned Enterprise.
- (vi) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Business Finance.

- (vii) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Technology & Systems.
- (viii) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Enterprise & Supplier Development Practitioners.
- (ix) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Empowerment Programmes.

Individual Recognition Categories

- (i) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Youth Business.
- (ii) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Informal Trading Sector.
- (iii) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Hospitality, Tourism & Travel.
- (iv) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Black Industrialist.
- (v) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Manufacturing.
- (vi) Best Performing Entrepreneur: ICT.
- (vii) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Manufacturing.
- (viii) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Property.
- (ix) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Consulting Services.
- (x) Best Performing Entrepreneur: Entertainment Services

 **Lifetime Entrepreneurial Achievement Award** categories will be in five (5) categories subject to public participation.

15. POLICY REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

The ECED Fund **Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis**, concurrently with the budget-related Policies of the Municipality and all the particulars of funding must be reflected in the budget and any adjustment budgets in accordance with section 17(3)(j) of the Act. Before transferring funds in terms of the ECED Fund Policy, the provisions of section 67 of the Act must be complied with.

16. CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

Any funding made in contravention of the policy framework shall be considered as irregular expenditure and/or fruitless expenditure or unauthorized expenditure and may attract consequence management upon any official that has recommended, caused, induced and/or can be attributed to the act. Where negligence can be established, such funds would have to be **recovered** from the person liable for the affected official in terms of **section 32 of the Act**.

